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Cook: offer to help find 'just solution'

A ROW over remarks on Kashmir by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secre-tary, threatened yesterday to overshadow the Queen's state visit to

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Indian officials strongly objected to Mr Cook's offer, during a call on Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, and Gohar Avub Khan. the Foreign Minister, to help find a "just solution" to the dispute over Jammu and Kashmir. They accused

Britain of trying to internationalise an issue that India regards as an internal affair. Indian newspapers were harshly critical, accusing Britain of pro-Pakistani bias.

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Britain moved quickly to defuse the row. Mr Cook denied that he had made any public statement on Kashmir. The Foreign Office said he had brought no new ideas or fresh initiatives, and said the Labour Government's position was well known to both sides. The Queen, in her banquet speech last night in

Pakistan, and delivered a bland speech that sources suggested had been hastily rewritten in the light of the controversy.

Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, swiftly denied a report in an Indian newspaper that he had called Britain a "third-rate power" with declining influence in the world.

Mr Cook said after talks with Mr Gujral that he was glad to hear the Government's assurance that such reports were untrue. He had had a very warm and friendly" lunch

with the Prime Minister. He added: There is no row. The long and close ties between our two countries are based on mutual respect."

A senior Indian source said last night, however, that it was inappropriate for Mr Cook to have accompanied the Queen, whose visit was designed for goodwill, not for trade or politics. "She was not accompanied by the Foreign Secretary on her previous two state visits and she should have come without him on this occasion. It was a mistake for Mr Cook to join her."

Pakistan criticised Mr Gujral's reported remarks about Britain, and accused India of distasteful, arrogant behaviour. "Such ridicule heaped on a United Nations Security Council permanent member and world power in its own right merely because it has called for a just and fair solution of the Kashmir problem is, to say the least, distaste-

ful," a spokesman said. Speaking in Amritsar yesterday. the Queen tried to deflect any controversy. She thanked President Narayanan and Mr Guiral for their

sympathy after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Within a week of her death, India had lost Mother Teresa. "Diana had, as do I and all my family, the highest admiration for that remarkable lady, and for her lifetime of service to others," the

Oueen said. The first day of the six-day tour took in a visit to the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, father of independent India.

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Blair mobbed after shaking Adams's hand

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR was jostled and heckled by a crowd of furious loyalists in staunchly Protestant East Belfast last night after he became the first Prime Minister in 76 years to meet Irish republican leaders.

About 100 protesters shouted "traitor" "scum" and "shame" when Mr Blair attempted a shopping centre walkabout-within an hour of Adams and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein at the Stormont peace talks.

Some of the demonstrators were wearing rubber gloves to make their point and called "Sinn Fein lover, your bands are covered in blood" as the the Prime Minister's security men hurried him into a bank. Mr. Blair later emerged to

continue his walkabout, ringed by 50 police officers, and although he carried on waving and smiling, he looked flustered as he was driven back to Stormont. Nobody was hurt, there

were no arrests, and Downing Street insisted that Mr Blair was unconcerned by what it called and "orchestrated protest"; but the ugly scenes at the Connswater shopping centre emphasised the profound divisions in the way of peace in Northern Ireland and marred a day that, until then,



Adams: hoped Irish unity would come

had left Mr Blair "hugely encouraged".

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party which is boy-cotting the talks, said that if the Prime Minister's officials had not expected such a reception they were out of touch with reality. In his meeting with Mr Blair he produced a gory photograph of an IRA victim. "I told him that is the handiwork of the men he shook hands with today."

The Prime Minister made no apology for a meeting with Mr Adams that completed Sinn Fein's entry into mainstream democratic politics, paving the way for the party's leaders to visit Downing

Street. He said the choice was simple. We can either carry on with the hatred and the despair and the killing, treating people as if they were not part of humanity, or we can try to settle our differences by negotiation, by discussion, by

The historic meeting took place out of sight of the scores of television cameras lined up according to Downing Street; 30 according to Sinn Fein. Sitting in a circle with officials, Mr Blair emphasised to Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness that the talks had to be based on the principle of consent and if Sinn Fein reneged on its commitment to non-violence it would not be given another

chance. He said he had ignored naysayers who believed that Northern Ireland was a lost cause: He promised straight dealing, pledged to devote all his "energy and commitment and dynamism" to the peace process, and underlined the importance of seizing a unique opportunity that they might never see again.

It was "a very rare thing for humanity to make sense of history but that's exactly what we have got to do," he told them. You either end up as victims of history or you make

In 1993, three of the law

lords in the case of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough vic-

tim who was in a vegetative

state, confirmed that patients

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she did not want a Caesarean

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In framing his Bill, which is

likely to be preceded by a

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Irving could well draw on the

proposals put forward by the

That called for reforms to

give people greater control

over medical decisions and

improved protection for the

vulnerable. As well as statu-

tory rules on living wills, it

called for new laws to ensure

adequate supervision of medi-

cal decisions taken about an

incapacitated patient. Those

would include sterilisation.

organ donation, abortion and

the withdrawal of artificial

feeding from people in a

persistent vegetative state. People should be allowed to

appoint attorneys to take deci-

sions on their behalf about

money, medical treatment,

where they should live and

who they should see.

Law Commission in 1995.

could express such wishes.



Security men usher the Prime Minister to safety in a nearby bank after he was confronted by about 100 Protestant protesters in East Belfast

sense of it." Mr Adams said that Mr Blair was the first British Prime Minister who had heard first-hand the experience, analysis and vision of Irish republicans. He hoped that Mr Blair would help bring about Irish unity and become "the last Prime Minister with jurisdiction in Ireland". He was "a man who certainly realises this is an historic opportunity. He recognises also there needs to be

John Hume, leader of the

nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party, said that Mr Blair had bought a message of "deep encouragement" and David Ervine, a leader of the loyalist Progressive Union-ist Party, said the Prime Minister would not have come if the talks had not been making progress. But mainstream Unionists, who believe the IRA ceasefire is bogus. were sharply critical of Mr Blair for meeting Mr Adams.
David Trimble, the Ulster
Unionist Party leader, sought

to minimise the significance of the occasion, while Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, accused Mr Blair of disgraceful conduct. He suggested that "not only from their graves but from the bereaved families there is an aconised cry of repugnance at the Prime Minister's action".

Ian McCartney, the UK Unionist Party leader who is also boycotting the talks, said the "leadership of a government that has corrupted democracy is giving a veneer of

tain Datson of the Royal

Artillery stared out from a similar poster in an appeal to young blacks and Asians to

oin the Army, which current-

ly has fewer than one per cent

General Sir Roger Wheeler,

from ethnic minorities

respectability to a totally fraudulent process". Mr Blair will, however, receive tacit support from John Major for the risks he is taking to achieve peace in Northern Ireland. "Yes, I

believe a deal can be done and without too great a delay," the former Prime Minister will tell BBCl in Provos: The IRA

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ASSURANCE MEMIUNS

Surgeons accused

Two surgeons carried out heart operations on babies when they must have known that too many of their patients were dying, the General Medical Council was toldPage 5

Plea to fans

The Sports Minister has appealed for supporters who were burt in the match against Italy to write to him ... Page 10

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'Living wills' may get legal force

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT and about 1,500 people are in a

PEOPLE would have a statutory right to draw up "living wills" detailing their wishes about medical treatment should they become incapable of speaking for themselves. under reforms to be pushed forward by the Government. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, said yesterday that he was contemplating a Bill to reform the law affecting people who cannot make decisions for themselves. That could give them the right to state in advance that they would not want to be revived

or treated in certain circum-Courts have aiready declared that "living wills" can be valid under certain conditions, but uncertainty surrounds them, so they are little used. Allan Levy, QC, a specialist in medical law, said last night that statutory backing for such documents would bring clarity and avoid the need for so many cases to be taken before a court.

A change in the law regarded by the Law Commission as urgent two years ago could give comfort to many elderly people who are con-cerned about what would happen to them should they become senile and give weight to the wishes of younger people with firm views about whether and how they should be treated if disaster befell them. About 5 per cent of those over 65 suffer from dementia

New speed record for Thrust

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN THE BLACK ROCK DESERT

THE RAF fighter pilot Andy Green drove his Thrust SSC car on the fastest officially timed run in land speed racing history yesterday, but missed breaking the sound barrier by a frustrating 0.003 per cent of the speed of sound.

Aiming for a 766mph run, the squadron leader achieved a breathtaking, but still apparently subsonic, 749.687mph. Timing officials gave the run a provisional Mach 0.997.

Two further runs over the 13-mile course on Nevada's biggest dry lake bed were expected last night, aiming at 782mph or Mach I.036. Team members insisted that they heard a double sonic boom as Thrust passed through the measured mile on its first run, although other spectators heard only the twin-engined

British jet car's roar. After three days of wet and windy weather and a tense two-day wait for the desert to dry, team members were delayed for another three hours yesterday morning before the go-ahead was given for the vehicle to be towed from its tent home.

The drives gave Richard Noble the satisfaction of leading the team effort to success even though they demolished his own 633mph land speed record. It had stood for 14 years, having been set at Black Rock in 1983.

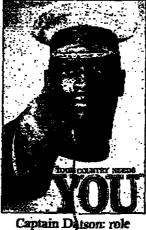
'Modern Kitchener' woos minorities

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A 25-YEAR-OLD Army capborn in Ghana and brought up in Barnet, yesterday became the Army's modem version of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener in a campaign to boost the number of black and Asian members in the

Kwame Datson, who came to Britain with his parents when he was three, appears in place of Lord Kitchener above the famous First World War slo-"Your Country Needs

In September 1914, Earl Horatio Kitchener of Khartourn and Broome, then Secretary of State for War, appealed to the young men of Britain to fight for their country. Yesterday, the face of Cap-



model for thinorities

service.
Captain Fidelix Nelom the Chief of the General Staff. announced at a press conference to launch his equal opportunities action plan that he wanted to increase the number of blacks and Asians in the Army sevenfold within five years.

Captain Datson was also introduced as the officer who is to head an ethnic minorities recruiting team that will tour the country as "role models". to try to persuade black and Asian youngsters that the Army is not a racist

organisation. Captain Datson comes from an army background. His father, Emmanuel, was a conscript in the Ghanaian Army for eight years, finishing his time as a corporal, before moving with his wife, Gloria, and young son to live in

"They were happy when I told them I had made up my mind to join the Army and were especially happy when I said I had been selected to go to Sandhurst," Captain Datson said yesterday.

Captain Datson, who is

single and lived in Harlesden with his parents when they Continued on page 2, col 4

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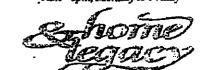
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Europe presses Britain to join EMU in 1999

BY CHARLES BREMNER AND JUL SHERMAN

THE Government came under mounting pressure from European colleagues last night to sign up to a single currency in 1999 after evidence that it would meet all the economic criteria in time.

European Union finance ministers seized on a report showing that Britain is on course to meet the Maastricht convergence requirements and urged Gordon Brown to join the first wave of economic and monetary union. Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, said: The overwhelming majority of

members think monetary union would be stronger with Britain in it." Jean-Claude Juncker, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, added: "It would be in the best interests of Britain and of Europe."

However, Mr Brown stuck to the official line that British membership in 1999 would be very unlikely because of formidable obstacles. Government sources in Strasbourg suggested that he would make an announcement as early as next month on Britain's position; he is expected to indicate that Britain is favourably disposed to a single currency, but give no indication of when would be the right time to

enter. But yesterday Mr Brown merely insisted that the country was on course for long-term economic stability and growth in or out of economic and monetary union. "The UK has set in place in the past few-months the foundations for a period

of sustainable growth." Both the Treasury and Downing Street dismissed further reports yes-terday that the Government will join EMU soon after 1999. Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, called on Mr Brown to be more specific. He said that it was clear the Government had reached a conclusion to "abolish the pound" soon after 1999.

blessing to the official report showing that on all three key single currency requirements — low initiation, low national debt and low annual public deficit - Britain is on course to meet the Maastricht criteria.

But the Luxembourg session was coloured by bitter complaints from Germany and Austria which claim they shoulder an unfair burden in EU funding. The tension is expected to rise today when the Brussels Commission publishes economic forecasts that are expected to show that all 15 EU states except Greece are likely to qualify for entry to monetary union. Like Britain, Sweden and Denmark are planning to stay out. growing irritation across the EU towards what is seen as the Government's appointment of itself as a leader, while it continues to sit out monetary union. "We hope that Britain will be a motor and not on the last wagon of the train," Mr Juncker

"I certainly would not claim on behalf of my Government any idea that I was leading Europe."

A Dutch official uttered a similar view, saying: "The Brits seem to want to have it both ways. They want to stay out of EMU at the same time as lecturing everyone that they know best on how to run the economy."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Surgeo lives by their fa

Porter hearing told of 'mad-hat schemes'

Dame Shirley Porter, the former leader of Westminster Council, was a domineering woman who sought power through 'mad-hat schemes', Peter Hartley, a former colleague told the High Court.

Along with Dame Shirley and three former colleagues. he isamempting to overturn a ruling by the district auditor who ordered them to repay money wrongly spent as they tried to allegedly fix local election results through the sale of council houses. Mr Hardey said: "Dame Shirley is probably the most powerful person I have ever met and I have met lots of leading politicians and captains of

Rifkind warns Hague

Senior Tories have warned William Hague not to go too far down the road of tolerance in sexual matters in trying to make his party seem more compassionate. Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the former Foreign Secretary, writes in The Times today that the party must not "forsake principle in the pursuit of popularity nor weaken fundamental values that may be out of fashion". Sir Malcolm Rifkind, page 20

Election impostor fined

A chartered accountant was fined £4,000 after he admitted voting in the general election in someone else's name in Winchester. The seat was won by the Liberal Democrats with a majority of just two votes over the Conservatives, but a fresh election is to be held later this year. William Coutts Donald. 56. pleaded guilty at Basingstoke magistrates

Police conduct shake-up

Chief constables want a "draconian" reform of police discipline to get rid of bad officers and stop them hiding behind outdated rules, the Association of Chief Police Officers told MPs on the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee yesterday. Under the plans, officers accused of gross misconduct or a serious crime could face the sack within 28 days, or be suspended without pay.

Maxwell legal bill £14m

Legal aid for the Maxwell trial will cost more than £14 million and not all defence bills are in yet, the Lord Chancellor fold the Commons Home Affairs Committee. "These are very big figures indeed," Lord Irvine of Lairg said. Big fraud trials meant that I per cent of cases used 40 per cent of legal aid. There was "a very powerful argument that we move in certain categories to fixed-price contracting".

Dana begins campaign

Rosemary Scallon - formerly the Eurovision Song Contest winner Dana - became the last of the five candidates for the Irish presidency formally to launch her campaign. The use 11130 presidency tormally to launch her campaign. The 44-year-old anti-abortionist has protested about being labelled as a right-wing extremist, and said: "The majority of Irish people have had enough of intolerance dressed up as liberalism."

Messerschmitt inquiry

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, pilot of the Second World War Messerschmitt 109 that crashed-landed near the MII at an air show at Duxford on Sunday. Cambridgeshire, is to be questioned by the Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch. The plane was on its last flight. Sir John was not available for

Carey urges Church to learn from Diana grief

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canter- ered at St Helen's church at bury last night called on the Church of England to learn the lessons of the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. when millions of people estranged from organised religion expressed spiritual beliefs and yearnings. Condemning the "pro-longed wordiness" of many

Anglican services, Dr George Carey outlined a programme to draw in those disenchanted by their local church. Worship should become more accessible, simpler and more beautiful. Clergy and churchgoers must stop talking in an "eccle-siastical code" which excludes

He singled out for praise the small but growing number of vicars who are holding services in pubs, supermarkets and on the streets.

Dr Carey, who oversees a Church that attracts just over 2 per cent of the population each week, said the reaction to groundswell of deep religious take-it-or-leave-it basis." and spiritual belief.

He praised the Dean of Westminster, Dr Wesley Carr, for inviting Elton John to sing Dr Carey's lecture, deliv-

Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, marks him out as a reforming archbishop. But he is likely to arouse opposition from those in the Church unhappy about the secular nature of the funeral, who point to the contribution of a pop star and the lack of a sermon.

A senior dergy member of the general synod has described the the service as "more like Desert Island Discs than a funeral".

But Dr Carey said Elton John's inclusion was right. All credit to the approach which can embody such an element where it lelt natural and where it evoked such emotions in a way that nothing else could have done."

He said the response showed that people wanted to take part in rituals. "We must make more space for people to open their hearts to God and express themselves — and not the death of the Princess be content simply to offer our showed that there was still a own established rituals on a

He said the response to the bling, astonishing". Mingling with the crowds outside Westminster Abbey on the evening before the funeral service,



Dr George Carey before last night's lecture in Leicestershire. He condemned the wordiness of many services

people spoke freely to him of fears and hopes "in terms that penetrated beyond the surface of things to the meaning of life

His address comes as the Church, through the synod, is 2000, when the authorisation of the 1980 Alternative Service now widely considered to be

simple ways of talking about our faith need not be banal or ngly, they too can and should be beautiful," he said.

revising its liturgy for the year Book expires. The ASB, a product of the liberal 1970s, is dull and uninspiring. Dr Carey, in his address,

did not refer directly to the ASB but called for the work of novelists, artists, poets and musicians to be used to inspire the new liturgies. "Modern or

Already, new marriage and funeral services have been

drawn up and sent to 800 parishes for experimental use. But Dr Carey's address indicates that he wants the Church's new liturgies to be far more radical than simply to make them more "inclusive" or politically correct.

innovative services such those at Christ the Vine in Milton Keynes, a church which meets in a converted pub. or the

recent harvest festival held in an Asda superstore in Reading. He also welcomes innovative clergy such as the Rev David Foster, vicar of St Andrew's, High Wycombe. who is holding regular worship walks" on Sunday mornings, taking his services onto the local streets.

Dr Carey wants also to see more churches holding annuwhich all members of the local bereaved in the past 12 months are invited. Such services have been found to attract hundreds of people, reaching far beyond regular worshippers.

Dr Carey's chaplain, Canon Colin Fletcher, who held such a service regularly in his former post as vicar of Holy Trinity, Margate, said: "When a comparatively small percentage of this country comes to church, you ask questions about why the rest do not."

His public affairs secretary Dr Andrew Purkis, said: "It is not a question fo chucking things out, it is a question of diversification. He is a reformwhole experience around the death of the Princess of Wales has in his view given more momentum and urgency to

Ethnic campaign Media giants line up for women's magazine sale

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

SOME of the country's bestknown magazines, ranging from Country Life and Marie Claire to Woman and TV Times, could be for sale in a media auction that might raise more than £800 million.

Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch information group, is believed to have been looking at the possibility of a sale for some time because consumer magazines do not fit well with the group's concentration on professional and scientific publishing. A sale began to look even more likely yesterday after Reed Elsevier announced plans for a £15 billion merger with the Dutch publisher Wolters Kluwer, which also specialises in professional

and scientific information. Although everyone involved yesterday emphasised that no decision had yet been taken. all the signs were that the "for sale" sign will soon go up at IPC. Britain's single largest stable of consumer magazines, which sell more than 10 mil-

The 70 titles range from Horse 8 Hound, which increased its sales by 2.4 per cent in the first half of the year to 69,037, and the rancous young men's magazine Load-ed, which increased its sales by 59 per cent to 380,420. Within the woman's weeklies market. IPC has held on to a 43 per cent share with Chat, Woman, Woman's Realm, Woman's Own, Woman's Weekly, eva and Now.

At the other end of the market, New Scientist posted another circulation record in the first half of the year with 125,155. Such a stable of magazines could attract some of the

leading media players in the world. In Reed Elsevier's 1996-97 results, the consumer division, which consists overwhelmingly of magazines, has an operating profit of £78 million on sales of £499 million. Sudent take

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Magazines have been one of the success stories of the British media with consumers' loyalty to their favourite publications remaining high throughout the recession. According to the Periodical Publishers' Association, total spending on consumer magazines is more than £1.28 billion

IPC is even planning to launch a new title on October 23: Made Up! — The Makeover Magazine, a fashion and beauty magazine aimed at 16 to 24-year-olds.

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Ministers aim to beat clock in Lords reform

THE Government is planning to overhaul House of Lords an influx of Labour peers. Ministers want to simplify the 370-year-old introduction cere-mony, which they believe takes too long. New peers, clad in ermine

and ceremonial robes, process round the chamber with Lords officials, read their oaths of allegiance, and are then led to their seats. They sit, stand up, doff their hats, and sit down again three times before processing to shake the hand of the Lord Chancellor. the age and agility of the peer lasts 13 minutes on average

Any change to the ritual will anger traditionalist peers and prompt fears among the Tories that Labour is streamlin-



ing procedures to make it easier to flood the Lords with new peers. But the move would be severely hampered by existing Lords conventions that limit the number of introduction ceremonies just two a day. The difficulties surrounding the ceremony are

ber of new peers being intro-duced this autumn. From today, when peers return to Westminster after the summer break, some 57 new peers from John Major's resignation hon-ours list and Mr Blair's working peers list have to be introduced by Christmas. Such is the shortage of time that the convention is being breached with an average of three peers being introduced Lord Richard, the Leader of

the Lords, will raise the issue of reforming the introduction eremony at a meeting of the Lords Procedure Committee tomorrow. Although he will not table formal proposals, he "The ceremony has not been changed since the 17th century," a Labour source said yesterday. "He thinks there is a case for doing so."

Continued from page 1 came to Britain in 1975, was

educated at Christchurch Church of England School and Woodhouse sixth form college in Finchley, and then Barnet further education coliege, before joining the Army. He went to Sandhurst in 1992.

Lord Kitchener was educated at the Royal Military Academy Woolwich, and entered the Army with a commission with the Royal Engineers.

Captain Datson has two younger sisters, but neither has indicated a desire to enter the Army, despite the Govern-ment's determination to boost the number of women in the

Of his new role, he said: "I feel honoured to be chosen for the recruiting poster. We've already started going round schools and kids definitely seem to be interested in what we have to say. Personally, I have never had any negative responses in my army career. it's all to do with personality.

I've got on because of my The Army has 1,064 black

and Asian soldiers — of whom 112 are officers — which is 0.98 per cent of the total manpower. This compares with 349 in the Royal Navy (0.77 per cent) and 771 in the RAF (1.36 per cent). About seven per cent of the population in the recruitment age range are ethnic minorities.

The Army does not monitor black and Asian representation regiment by regiment, but the Household Cavalry currently has none. A few army units, such as The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, bave recruited a significant

number from minorities. At yesterday's press conference Sir Roger was accompa-nied by Bob Purkiss, a Commissioner at the Commission for Racial Equality. "We have to eliminate the enemy within," he said, in a reference to members of the army who were racist.

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Surgeons 'cost lives by denying their failings'

Accusation on heart babies could change the way

that operations are monitored, Ian Murray reports

TWO senior surgeons carried. out complicated heart opera-tions on babies when they must have known that far too many of their patients were dying, the General Medical Council was told yesterday. The two men were said to have ignored warnings from col-leagues that their perfor-mance was well below the national average, and gave parents far too rosy a picture of the habies' chances.

The case is likely to be ing procedures in Britain, and of the ways in which surgeons' performance is judged. The council was told that a number of children could still be alive today if changes were made earlier.

Warnings were also said to have been ignored by the chief executive of the Hospital Trust where the two surgeons worked. He should have stopped the operations but failed to do so, the Council's Disciplinary Committee was told by Roger Henderson, QC.

The two consultant surgeons, James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana, and the chief executive of the Bristol Healthcare Trust, Dr John Roylance, are all accused of serious professional misconduct. The committee, which expects the case to last until early in the new year, will decide whether the doctors should be struck off the medical register after hearing evidence about 53 operations on babies, 29 of whom died and four of whom suffered serious brain damage. Mr Henderson said that all

the doctors were dedicated and methodical in their work but "the tragedy is that their results were disastrous". Not only did a high proportion of the babies die, but there were cases of severe brain damage among the survivors.

re was no national regiswho suffered brain damage: caused by operations, so there. was no way of comparing how well these doctors had performed, but that did not lessen the tragedy. "Throughout this case we will be buffetted by the cross-currents of anguish and distress," he said

Babies operated on by Mr Wisheart for hole in the heart operations had a-50 per cent chance of survival, compared with a national average of just over 83 per cent. Mr Hender-

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son said. The bad performance rate on the panents treated during his long slow operations was noticed by Dr. Stephen Bolsin, an anaesthetter of the number of habies ist working with him, He was would have to ask itself: "Did perhaps an unattractive whis-. Mr Henderson said, but the fact remained that he drew attention to the fact that Mr Wisheart was performing badly.

"It was and is the overriding duty of a doctor to look after the interests of patients even if that involves shopping a col-league," Mr Henderson said. "The bottom line is the safety and the best interest of the In February 1993, when Mr

hole-in-the-heart operation since 1990, he had a mortality rate of 45 per cent. Between then and August 1994, he carried out a further four operations on young babies and they all died, raising the mortality risen to 60 per cent. At that point, did he stop carrying out these operations.

Mr Dhasmana, 58, had far better results with this type of operation. His mortality rate was about 10 per cent, which was better than the national average and far better than Dr Wisheart, who was neverthe less his senior at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. However, Mr Dhasmana began trying a brand new kind of heart surgery involving switching the main arteries in babies who have been born with them reversed.

He began on older children with some success, but in January 1992 he started on newborn babies. He had a number of successes which gave him confidence and optimism but "sadly that proved to be ill-founded". Mr Hender-

clinical expertise.

son said: "He abrogated his

duties and failed to do what he

The General Medical Coun-

cil alleges that Mr Wisheart,

Mr Dhasmana and Dr

·Roylance failed to act in the

best interest of patients by

allowing the operations to be

performed. Mr Wisheart is

also accused of misleading

parents about the risks of

mortality and brain damage, and his ability to perform the

Mr Henderson said that a

patient should expect to be told

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should have done."

Of the 13 newborn babies on whom he operated, nine died and one of the survivors was left with very severe brain damage. Nationally, the average survival rate was nine out of ten. Mr Henderson said that expert witnesses would give evidence that a number of children would have been alive today" if a more experienced surgeon had operated. Despite two visits to Birmingham to see an expert

performing the open-heart surgery, it would be the Council's case that he still did not have sufficient experience to continue the complex operations. At one time, two babies in every three were dying after Mr Dhasmana operated more than six times the national level. The committee Mr Dhasmana operate bevond the limit of his clinic competence or technical expertise?" It was the Council's case that he had done just that.

In the end, Mr Dhasmana decided to stop operations on newborn babies but continued with older children until January 1995. An operation on an 18-month-old boy, in which Mr Wisheart assisted, ended when the boy died on the operating table. At that point Mr Dhasmana decided not to carry out the operation again. ed on by Mr Wisheart, and he did not give her the true Colleagues said that the operation appeared to be beyond his picture.

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Dr Roylance was the chief another baby, Ian Stewart, he executive of the trust throughwas said to have minimised out this time, and had been made aware of the concerns of the risk of brain damage. The parents consented to the operthe anaesthetist Dr Bolsin in ation with disastrous results. August 1990. A succession of "He is grossly brain damother doctors also told him iged and a quadroplegic," Mr that they were not happy with Henderson said. "The family's the cardiac unit's performance. Dr Roylance, 67, had emotions are riven by what has happened to them." taken no action. Mr Hender-

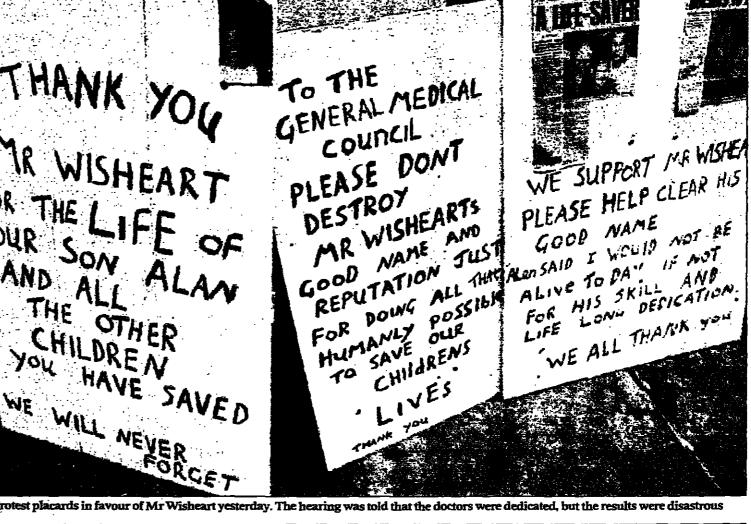
He said that the two surgeons eventually decided to give up their cardiac operations on babies after the death of Joshua Loveday in January

In talking to the parents of

"With the benefit of hindsight Joshua's operation should not have taken place at all," Mr Henderson said.

Long before then, both the surgeons had been given ample warning that their perfor-mance in the operating theatre for this time of operation had been well below the sort of standards that should have been expected of them.

All three men deny serious professional misconduct. The hearing continues tomorrow.



WE WILL NEVER FORGET Protest placards in favour of Mr Wisheart yesterday. The hearing was told that the doctors were dedicated, but the results were disastrous

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By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

in an attempt to force her to contribute to his living costs while at university.

Patrick Macdonald, 20, a

law undergraduate at Aberdeen University, claims that he needs £400 a month on top of his £1,739 annual grant to meet his "substantial outgoings" including rent, food and textbooks. He has been given legal aid to fight the case at Edinburgh Sheriff

A writ served last week on his mother, Margaret Mac-donald, 53, of Edinburgh, said she was "well able to afford the aliment [payment of main-tenance] sought". She is a Scottish Office solicitor salaried at grade six, earning between £29,000 and £50,000 per year, and the family home is worth about £230,000. The rare case is being

A STUDENT is suing his modifier for maintenance today gives children rights to sue gives children rights to sue their parents over matters such as education fees up until the age of 25. Legal experts believe that it is one of the few cases of its kind in the UK. Usually things such as education costs are negotiated by spouses on behalf of their children during divorce

proceedings.
Mrs Macdonald, who has four other children, is contesting the claim. She has had little contact with her son for more than four years, since he went to live with his father, Hugh, 54, at the age of 16. The couple were divorced in 1994.

She won custody of all five children and pays annual school fees of more than £8,400 for the two youngest, a son, 16, and daughter, 15. Her two eldest daughters support themselves at university through part-time jobs and

Student takes | Club sued over mother to court male-only rugby

BATH Rugby Club is being sued by a mother who was banned from accompanying her 12-year-old son's feam on a tour of Ireland because only fathers were allowed to go.

Joan Ward, a divorced mother of three, has won the backing of the Equal Oppor-tunities Commission to pur-sue the case against the club, whose adult team includes many of the country's bestknown players.

Mrs Ward was furious

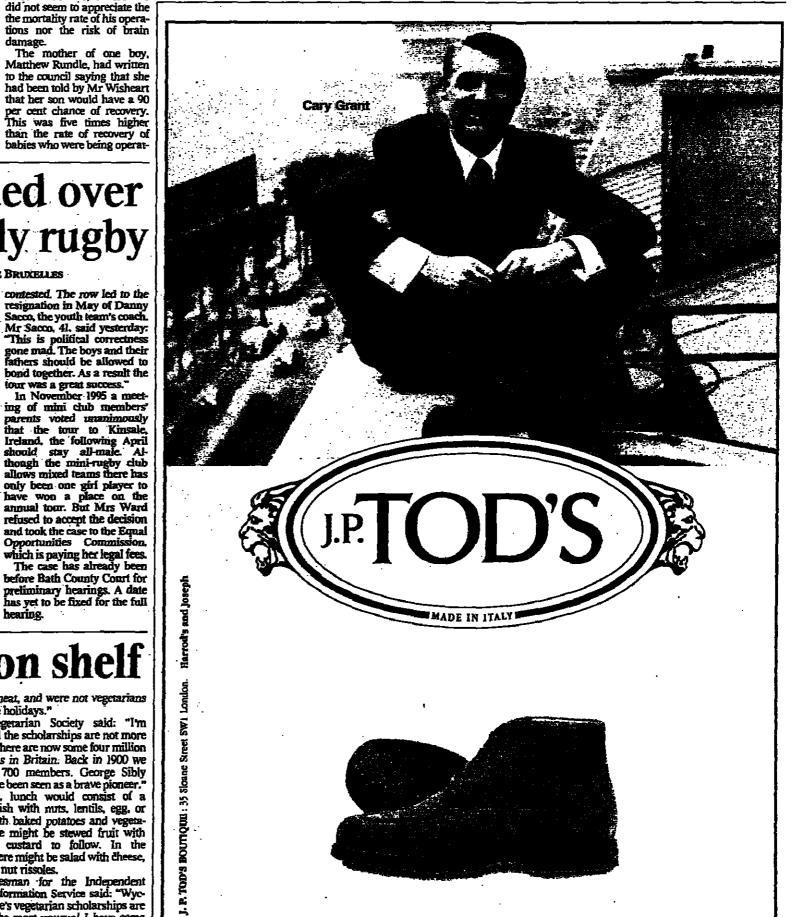
when other parents voted that the presence of women would hinder "male bonding" dur ing the under-12 side's Irish visit last year. She had wanted to accompany her son Jim but her ex-husband Chris, a coach with the adult squad, got to go

Bath Rugby Club has more than 150 boys and girls aged between seven and 12 in the mini-rugby side and places on the annual tour are fiercely resignation in May of Danny Sacco, the youth team's coach. Mr Sacco, 4l, said yesterday: This is political correctness gone mad. The boys and their fathers should be allowed to bond together. As a result the

tour was a great success."

In November 1995 a meeting of mini club members' parents voted unanimously that the tour to Kinsale, Ireland, the following April should stay all-male. Al-though the mini-rugby club allows mixed teams there has only been one girl player to have won a place on the annual tour. But Mrs Ward refused to accept the decision and took the case to the Equal which is paying her legal fees. The case has already been

before Bath County Court for preliminary hearings. A date has yet to be fixed for the full



Veggie scholarships left on shelf

TWO scholarships for vegetarians to a leading public school have been unclaimed for at least four years.

Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire began promoting a meat-free diet in Edwardian times, when, in 1909, the headmaster. George Sibly, opened a vegetar-ian house for boarders. The £1,000 scholarships are untouched despite the popu-

larity of vegetarismism today.

David Prichard, the headmaster, said: The scholarships have been unclaimed for the four years that I've been here and I've no idea how long before that. It is a puzzle. Perhaps we haven't marketed them as much as our music, drama and

sporting scholarships." For years the boys of Springfield House

appeared to prove Sibly right that vegetarianism was good for you by winning most of the school's sporting trophies. He kept charts purportedly

showing that this was thanks to the diet. Although Springfield House stopped being vegetarian in 1980, when the college built a new dining hall, several of the school's most successful athletes do not eat meat. They include twins who won the national boys' and girls' squash titles earlier this year, and Felix Hammick, 18, the 1997 British Tetrathlon champion.

But Mr Prichard suspects his predecessor may have gone to some lengths to promote vegetarianism. He said: "It was not unknown for him to bring the best athletes into Springfield to beef up the sport teams. I gather some of them would ship through the back door to satisfy their across."

during the holidays." The Vegetarian Society said: "I'm

astonished the scholarships are not more popular. There are now some four million vegetarians in Britain. Back in 1900 we only had 700 members. George Sibly would have been seen as a brave pioneer."

In 1909, lunch would consist of a savoury dish with nuts, lentils, egg, or cheese, with baked potatoes and vegetables. There might be stewed fruit with soya-bean custard to follow. In the evening there might be salad with cheese, bread and nut rissoles.

A spokesman for the Independent

Schools Information Service said: "Wycliffe College's vegetarian scholarships are certainly the most unusual I have come

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Denver killed in plane he may have built himself

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN RENO

JOHN DENVER, one of the most successful American folk singers of his generation, has died in a single-engined plane crash off Northern California. He was 53.

The two-seat, glass-fibre aircraft, which was described by local police as "experimental", went down close to the rocky Pacific shore north of Monterey shortly after 5pm on

Mr Denver's death had not been confirmed yesterday morning by the local coroner, but a family friend told reporters: "He was on the plane and he perished." The singer was apparently alone in the aircraft.

After taking off from Monterey's municipal airport. Mr Denver's aircraft, which may have been home-made from a kit, was seen to falter in flight over a popular scenic promon-tory known as Lover's Point. It

straight down", one witness said. "Not spiralling, just straight down. I thought it was some kind of aerobatic move, then realised it wasn't." Lieu-tenant Carl Miller of the Pacific Grove Police Depart-

numerous pieces".

The pilot's body was unrecognisable when it was recovered from the water on Sunday night. Dental and fingerprint tests were due to be performed yesterday to confirm the identity of the victim, and local authorities were expected to resume their

hit the water "it broke into

search for debris. Last night tributes to the singer flowed in: President Clinton said he was saddened by Denver's death. "His soaring music evoked the grandeur of our landscape and the

"went up a little bit and then He opened many doors to

James Galway, the flautist, said John Denver was the man who helped to launch him to worldwide fame. Mr Galway, 57, had an interna-tional hit in 1978 with his ment said that when the plane arrangement of Denver's Annie's Song, which reached the top three in the UK charts. He said: This news is a very great shame. John Den-

> will be very sadly missed." Phil Bowdery, Mr Denver's London-based British promoter, who had known the singer for more than ten years, said: "He was a great man who will be remembered for some great

ver was one of those artists

who made a lasting impres-

sion on his listeners as his

songs stayed with them. He

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John Dever with Kermit the Frog while recording a Muppets Christmas television special in November 1979

One man refuses **DNA** test for killer

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

ONE MAN in the French rown of Pleine Fougères has refused to volunteer for DNAtesting in the police hunt for the killer of the British schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson.

The entire male population of the town aged between 15 and 35 - 170 men - was invited to provide a saliva sample. to be compared with the DNA of the man who raped and killed the 13-year-old girl in the town's youth hostel last year. The identity of the lone individual who declined to

appear has not been released.
Only one person did not show up, and he was free to do so. That person can change his mind," an investigator in the case said. Police say that no pressure will be put on the man to be tested, but the investigator noted that "he may find himself in a difficult situation with people in the village".

The results of the tests will be available at the end of this week. If no match is obtained, tests on men aged from 35 to

STARS KILLED IN AIR ACCIDENTS

Stevie Ray Vaughan, the blues guitarist, was killed in a helicopter crash, along with Eric Clapton's agent, tour manager and bodyguard, after an open-air concert in 1990.

Rick Melson, the pop-turned-country singer, and six others died when their DC-3 crashed on the way to a gig in Dallas in 1985.

Lymyrd Skynyrd, the American rock group, lost three members on a flight to a concert in Louisiana in 1977.

Otis Redding, the soul star, was found at the bottom of a lake in Wisconsin after his plane crashed in 1967.

Jim Reeves, the country and western star, died when his single-engined private plane crashed near Nashville in 1964. Patsy Cline, the pop/country singer, died in a plane crash in 1963. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper died in 1959 when their plane crashed shortly after take off in lowe.

Glenn Miller, the Big Band leader, disappeared during a flight from England to France in 1944. His body was never found.

Teenager repeats attack at car park

By PAUL WILKINSON

A YOUTH who dropped a scaffold pole 50ft from a multi-

was told yesterday.

Robert Devonshire dropped a 10 in concrete block on to a 64-year-old man at the car park in Wakefield, west Yorkshire, six months after he had. been released from a young offender institution after near-

ly killing Simon Teece, 8. to four years' detention for the first attack in September 1994 in which the 13lb metal pole fractured the boy's skull, putting him in a coma. He recovered after treatment. In the second attack, in

> Examine this verv carefully and you will find an unwanted full stop somewhere. In the same way, by

February, Bernard Atkinson, a safety officer at the car park, was hit as he investigated the storey car park, badly injuring was hit as he investigated the a boy, carried out a similar attack within months of his Leeds Crown Court Devonbodily harm with intent.
Judge Brian Walsh, the
Recorder of Leeds, adjourned

sentence for 28 days for psychiatric reports.

After the hearing Mr Atkinson said: "I was struck a glancing blow on my shoul-der. When I turned round there was no one there. I then realised it was a concrete block." He was treated for a muscle injury. Barbara Teece, 40, Simon

Teece's mother, said yester-day that she was shocked by the latest attack.

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A PASTOR who tried to heal her alsatian through prayer as it lay injured in the road has been banned from keeping dogs for two years. Sheba, a white five-month-old bitch, was in agony with a broken new home. leg after being hit by a car, but the Rev Alison Brown refused

to call a vet. Mrs Brown and two fellow believers spent almost an hour praying over the puppy as it howled with pain. She took Sheba back home where she continued trying to heal the leg for another two hours while speaking in tongues.

Mrs Brown, who described herself as pastor in charge of the Devon-based River of Life Ministry, told a neighbour who offered to help that he should leave because he was not a Christian. She told an RSPCA inspector who was called that his fingers were

"instruments of the Devil". Mrs Brown, 42, of Newton Abbot, Devon, was found guilty by Exeter magistrates of causing unnecessary suffering

and was fined £250 with £270 costs. The dog, which made a full recovery after being seized by the RSPCA and having a steel pin inserted in the broken right front leg, will be found a

Mrs Brown wore a brooch bearing the name Jesus in court and insisted on swearing the oath on her own Bible. She quoted from Deuteronomy. Isaiah, St Mark's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles during

Peter Williams, the neigh bour who called the RSPCA. said he hadbeen trying to treat the injured dog when Mrs Brown arrived. The dog was yelping and crying and was in quite a lot of distress," he said.

Brown brushed her way through the crowd, put her hands on the dog and started chanting religious sayings. and said, Satan, get out of this

sounded like Arabic and then she asked me if I was a



Sheba: it yelped in pain after a road accident

she very brusquely asked me

leave the scene. "I looked out later and I saw three of them trying to lift the dog and make it walk again. The dog yelped and someone put their hands around the njured leg and I could hear further prayers and chants. Every time they tried to make it stand up the dog yelped." Inspector Stephen Roach of

to Mrs Brown's home three hours after the accident, when the dog was "crying out in pain and could not stand up. I asked to take the dog to a vet but Brown said no and told me she believed in divine intervention. When I told her about the laws concerning the protection of animals, she replied 'God comes first'."

Bob Barker, a vet called by the RSPCA, said that Brown told him that his negative thoughts were undoing the healing she had already

Mrs Brown, who has a degree in theology from Exeter University, said that the dog had been bought in the hope that it would attract interest from the public during outreach missions. She said that she had carried out healing missions and had helped blind people to regain their sight.

Mirs Brown added: "I have had the Lord heal my broken ribs and my verrucas and various other things wrong with me. I have no doubt of the healing power of Jesus." She

when it had been concussed by a heavy gate falling on its head. The Lord loves his creatures and Sheba would have made a full and total

The RSPCA had applied for costs of £2,134 but Brown told the court that all her property and income from social service benefit had been handed over to the church. Muriel Wiseman, a magistrate, said: "Rev Brown, we would point out to you that you are not on trial for your beliefs in any way but we do find you guilty of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to a dog. "If your income had been

greater I can assure you this penalty would have been considerably more."

Mrs Brown, who hymns while the magistrates were considering their verdict, said after the case: "The Lord has told us to appeal. I believe what took place here today is that I have been tried for my faith in the healing powers of Lord Jesus Christ.



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Soldier escapes jail term for **Cyprus** brawl

From Michael Theodoulou in Larnaca

less than a month's wages by a court in Cyprus yesterday for starting a brawl outside a disco in which two South London tourists suffered hor-

Three other soldiers were acquitted last month when prosecutors accepted that they had been mistakenly picked out of a police identity parade. The trial of a fourth was indefinitely suspended.

The outcome of the case dismayed the victims as well as army chiefs in Cyprus who have never disputed evidence heard in court that eight offduty soldiers were involved in the brawl on August 2. They are searching for ways to take legal action against men that nilitary investigators have escaped justice.

A custodial sentence would have brought automatic dismissal from the Army for Private Roger Bell, 26, from Liverpool. He walked from Larnaca court with a broad

A BRITISH soldier was fined smile after Judge Michalis Christodoulou told him it was with "great difficulty" he had decided not to jail him.

Bell faced a maximum three-year jail-term for attacking Barry Ford. 23, and his girlfriend, Claire Harbour, 22. He switched his plea to guilty after prosecutors reduced the charges to actual bodily harm from grievous bodily harm. He was fined £900, about £60 less than his monthly takehome pay.

Afterwards Ms Harbour said: "Bell is an absolute thug and he'll do it again. We are incredibly disappointed by the way this case has gone." She told the court how Bell had attacked her boylriend, Mr Ford, outside the disco and while other soldiers kicked ··· punched unconscious.

Mr Ford needed 22 stitches to his head and face, while their friend, Shane Bell, had his jaw broken in three places.

New gene linked to Alzheimer's is found

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

OXFORD scientists have discovered a gene that multiplies the risk of getting Alzheimer's

People over the age of 65 who carry the new gene and another Alzheimer's gene about 6 per cent of the white population — have a 30 times greater chance of developing the disease than those without

David Smith, whose team at the Department of Pharmacology made the finding, said

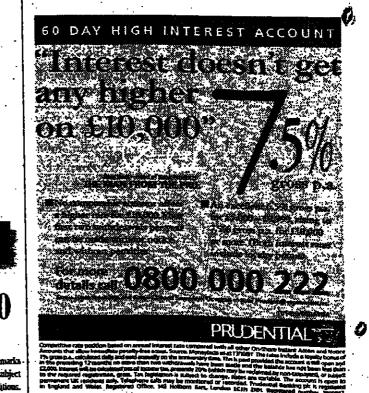
Omni-SAL

Saliva Diagnostic Systems developed the Omni-SAL saliva collector (report, October 9). Another company, Cozart, has perfected a test for drugs of collected by the Omni-SAL "lollipop"

that the products of the two genes combine to increase the danger. "If we can understand how the interaction works it might be possible to develop a drug that interferes with it." he said. But he thought it would be 15 to 20 years before a treatment became available.

Screening people at high risk would be pointless in the absence of an effective treatment, he said. The type of Alzheimer's involved is that which develops in old age, not the early-onset version, which seems to have different causes. About six million people in the European Union have the

The finding, published to-day in the journal Human Molecular Genetics, is the result of a long-term study at Oxford supported by the drug company Bristol-Myers



Countdown to Dome's Day 1999 begins a little late

Damian Whitworth sees that even a crane drivers' tea break cannot halt the raising of the dome

THE Millennium Dome began to rise from a patch of Greenwich wasteland yesterday as its creators insisted that the project would meet its immovable deadline and stay

Nevertheless, the erection of the first support mast for the giant structure was not without delay — and an attack by the Opposition on the Government's handling of the project. The world was given its first

glimpse of work on the controversial edifice as the first of 12 90-metre, 105-tonne steel masts — twice as tall as Nelson's column - was winched into the sky.

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But with dozens of shivering journalists and project workers watching, and with all the talk of the New Year's Eve-1999 deadline, it was perhaps inevitable that there would be a hitch. The wind made the delicate operation difficult and then the operators of the giant crane disappeared for a tea

The mast was due to have "landed" on its pyramid base at 10am, but when most journalists left an hour and a half later it was still apparently suspended above it. A spokesman insisted later that the mast was "officially" in place — "the spike was in the hole" — at 10.30am, just half an hour late.

But that the mast was up at all was of great symbolic and morale-boosting importance to the beleaguered scheme. This is a shot across the bows to all the doubting Thomases."



The first of 12 masts goes up at the Greewich site

said Mike Davies, of the Richard Rogers Partnership, who designed the dome. "We meant business, and here it

Mr Davies said the chilling wind that whipped across the desolate peninsula was exactly the reason why he had conceived a dome structure. "I decided immediately on coming here for the first time that

under one roof, he said There iso't a point over 200ft between here and Helsinki and the easterly wind is not

The day also demonstrated what a change of government can do to a project such as this. At the beginning of the year the speculation was all that Labour might not back the scheme. Now, the Government is fully committed to the project but the Tories are questioning its future.

"Contracts have been cancelled. There has been a lot of dithering on major decisions, said Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture, Media and Sport Secretary. The essence of this project is that it is incredibly tight in terms of budget and in terms of timetable, and a Millennium Dome that does not get built until the year after the millennium is not going to be a lot of use to апуопе.

Mr Maude criticised Peter Mandelson, the minister in charge of the dome, for his allegedly secretive approach. "One of the problems is that it is incredibly difficult to find out anything that is going on. Peter Mandelson doesn't come to the House of Commons to report on what's going on." he said.

This project is set to swallow up a large amount of lottery money - which spread more widely could buy a huge amount of small-scale projects

But Mr Maude denied that the Tories would be withdraw-



Mike Davies, dome designer, inspects one of the 90-metre masts. Progress had confounded the doubting Thomases, he said yesterday

ing their support. "We are not going to be irresponsible about this. We want to understand properly what's going on," he said. "It was an idea produced by Michael Heseltine and it was in many ways a visionary and inspirational

Jennifer Page, chief executive of the New Millennium Experience, insisted that there should be no fears about the project missing its deadline or going over budget.

This is a huge project going ahead at a fantastic pace. It will be on schedule and the company is committed to delivering it within the budget of £758 million. Francis Maude said that there was a lot of concern about the project and there are proper channels for the public to be informed of its progress. We will respond to any invitations to go before them and report.

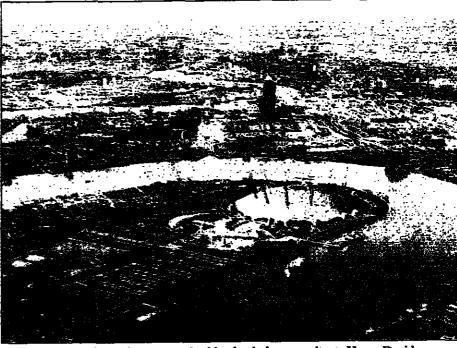
She added: "The whole of the Millennium Commission's activities, including the exhibition, were intended to be nonpolitical. The Millennium Commission has not only vernment ministers, but also a representative of the Opposition on it." It would be a great shame, she said, if the project became mired down in politics. This was a unique opportunity for Britain in the

year 2000. The countdown to Dome Day, December 31, 1999, is as

☐ Early November 1997, all 12 support masts erected, work starts on the steel skeleteon. ☐ Spring 1998, glass fibre

canopy raised. ☐ Autumn 1998, ventilation. electricty, lighting, lavatories and other services installed, work begins on nine exhibition zones.

Autumn 1999, dome completed in time for rehearsals. ☐ December 1999, open days for residents of Greenwich and the press. ☐ December 31, 1999: dome



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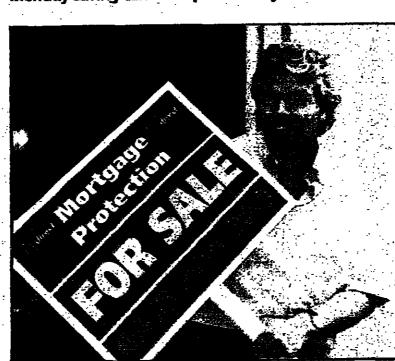
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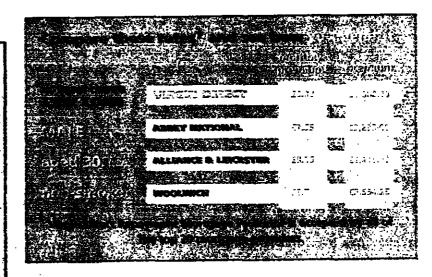


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Footballer sues over tackle that broke his hopes

A FOOTBALLER whose leg was broken in seven places by a tackle launched a claim for compensation yesterday in a case which could have widespread repercussions on the game. Ian Knight is seeking damages which reflect the earnings he could have commanded as a top-level player, put by one estimate at £1.5 million.

If the claim brought by the former England Under-21 and Sheffield Wednesday central defender is successful, then not only will players have to look closely at how they chall-enge opponents, but clubs could face costly insurance bills to ensure they are protected against similar actions.

Mr Knight, 30, now coaches the youth side at Grimsby Town. At the High Court in Sheffield, he is suing the former Chester striker Garry



Knight: seeks damages estimated at £1.5 million

injuries he received within three minutes of the kick-off of an FA Cup fourth-round replay in February 1987. Mr Bennett and Chester deny

responsibility.

A film of the incident from the BBC Sportsnight programme was shown in slow motion to the court. Mr Knight said that Mr Bennett struck Mr Knight's leg a third of the way up his shin: "He should have tried to block the ball with the side of his foot. You have no control if you

"I grabbed my leg and I knew something was badly wrong. It was loose, it was like holding raw meat."

After the fracture, bone pro-

truded through his flesh and sock. Howard Wilkinson, then the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said that Mr Bennett was booked but should have been sent off: "I am not insinuating that he intended to injure the player, but I believe he intended to make the jump

Colin Mackay, QC, for Mr Knight, said: "Alan Smith, the England physiotherapist, said it was probably the worst injury he had seen in the called over-the-top tackle after



Knight lies injured after the cup-tie tackle which he claims ended his hopes of reaching international stardom

the ball had gone. Gary Bennett never touched the ball. Professional football was Mr Knight's life and it effectively ended that night."

Mr Knight was on the verge of a highly successful career, he said. "He was the sort of player who could expect E300,000 a year and, if he is

El million a year. His chal-lengers for his place in the convalescing in June 1988, he stepped off a kerb and fracinternational side were people tured an ankle bone, but by like Tony Adams, who re-ceived his 48th international October he had fought back to fitness and played a reserve game. But his leg broke again. By 1992 it was obvious he cap in Rome last Saturday.** He spent six months in a plaster cast from his groin to

his ankle, then a cast on his

lower leg before graduating to

could not play with safety, and he signed on the dole. Mr Mackay said he intended to show that Mr Bennett -

who now plays for Preston North End — had been reck-less or careless in the way he challanged Mr Knight. They accepted he had not deliberately tried to injure the player. He planned to show there was a duty of care for players, even though they took part in a

physical contact sport.
The hearing continues.

Stressed student t set fire to house

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A STUDENT cracked under the pressure of his teachertraining course and set fire to the house he shared with two other students in an attempt to murder them, a court was told

yesterday.
Patrick Casey. 25, of Black-burn, set off a crude fire bomb at the house in Windermere, Cumbria, after Tracey Brewer, 23. and Maria Shaw. 22. both third-year students at the Charlotte Mason teacher-training college in Ambleside. near Windermere, told him

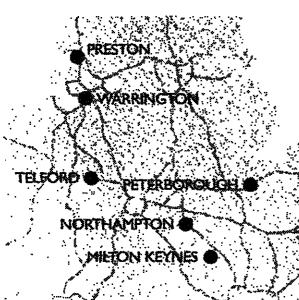
that they were moving out. He left the burning house to catch a bus to visit his mother, intending to say goodbye to her before killing himself. But the students managed to es-cape by climbing through a bathroom window and summoning help, Carlisle Crown Court was told.

Casey, who held a crucifix in his hands and sobbed as details of the plot were outlined, pleaded guilty to two charges of attempted murder. He was remanded in custody

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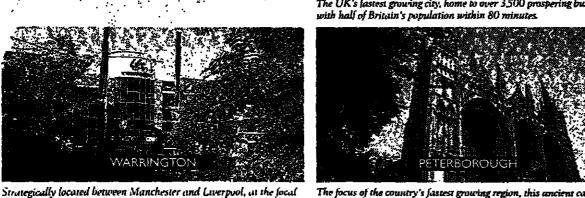
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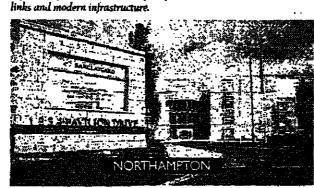
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Dempster fined for contempt NIGEL DEMPSTER, the vet-Baron Bentinck had comeran gossip columnist, was fined £10,000 and reprimandplained about an article in November 1995 when Dempster alleged that he had failed

'Inept' Nigel

negligence" by a judge at the

High Court yesterday. Judge Richard Walker ruled that Dempster and Associated Newspapers, publishers of the Daily Mail, had committed contempt of court over an article which alleged that Baron Steven Bentinck, a millionaire businessman, had been mean to his ex-wife.

Baron Bentinck, whose title s Dutch, was seeking to have Dempster jailed for contempt

Associated Newspapers. The judge told Dempster he his contempt owed more to mentitude than wilful disbedience. "Had I been satisfied that he had wilfully breached the order I would have committed him to prison for a considerable period of time," he said. He concluded instead that "his conduct was characterised by ineptitude

and negligence Dempster and Associated Newspapers, which was fined £25,000, were given 14 days in

which to pay. The court was told that

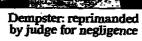
Dempster last August alleged that the baron was paying his wife a settlement of £5,000 a month but no lump sum. The judge said the reference to "no lump sum" was a gratuitous negative assertion and showed contempt.

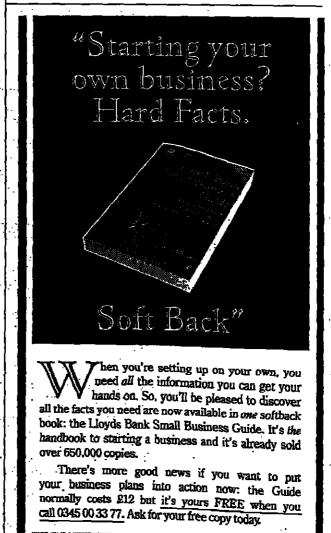
to make proper provision for his sick ex-wife Nora. Dempster and Associated Newspapers paid £50,000

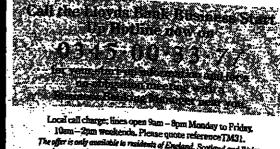
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But an article written by

to repeat the remarks.











"The blonde bombshell": Ball jokes about her early start

Evans above in pop radio's duel at dawn

casting executives and Peter Barnard analyses marketing types, the virtues of the tried hreakfast radio on pop and tested versus the radio virgin over the understanding the audi-ence and having the right breakfast turntable presenter. In the real world it is about having the

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BBC - and for Radio 1 in

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euphemism for being at the heart of darkness. Having Chris Evans is a state enjoyed since 7am yesterday by Virgin Radio. Evans left Radio I nine

cuse it would get in the than 6am. He also wanted to continue sailing close to the wind on-air, somet that had brought a serious dear old BBC, which is 75 At Virgin, Evans starts

work at 7am and gets Fridays off. As for sailing close to the wind, within an

moved during the pro-

add, agreed. Or was that just a stant? I care. I do know that Evans is a brilliant broadcaster who has elevated inanity almost to an art form. He was only telling the truth think I have a vague idea how to do this . . . we're on Virgin Radio but we're not

radio virgins." fast show on Radio 1 had been under way for half an ers, bringing to four the

and Kevin Greening are the double act now, but Ball provides the glamour. She is supposed to halt the

Ball is, er, a radio virgin. But she has televis experience, presenting BBCI's children's show Live and Kicking and Channel 4's The Big Breakfast. Her voice is smoky, a higher-pitched version of Mariella Fros-

trup. She says "yeah" a lot.
Greening and Ball are
competent, but they need to quickly. Ball's parting re-mark that "We love you and we hope you'll stay with us, we will get better. was one of several that hit the wrong note. An andi-ence like this needs belief, not doubt.

The Evans trick is to be confident and risky. Radiwas prepared to be risky, it would not have a problem, because it would probably still have Evans, Work that



"The ginger whinger": Evans at work after his late arrival

The easy rider returns to hit easy targets

CHRIS EVANS immersed himself in controversy again esterday, using his new show to mock politicians, fellow performers, ex-loves and his old employers at the BBC.

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The irreverent disc jockey criticised Radio I's playlist, and claimed he had volunteered to be fired by the station's controller Matthew Bannister, to let Bannister demonstrate his authority to his BBC seniors. Mr Bannister had a different story to tell. He claimed that only two weeks ago. Evans's agent had inquired whether the DJ could have his old job back.

Virgin executives had an arrive. He finally turned up at the Soho studios less than five minutes before going on air. riding a moped and giving a peace sign to photographers: On air, the man censured several times by broadcasting watchdogs for his risque style was straight back to form, saying that Tony Banks should be sacked as Sports Minister, and that William Hague should go on the show to say he is a raving homosex-- I'm not for a minute suggesting he is, just that it would be good for business."

about pop star Kim Wilde, his ex-girlfriend who has since married, and teased his crew about their love lives, reminding listeners about his former relationship with colleague

Holly "Hotips".

GMTV's Lorraine Kelly was attacked as "just dreadful", and Chris Tarrant, breakfast DJ on London's Capital Radio, was described as "a great broadcaster - and he gives away money, which is great for one person, but really dull

He said of Mr Bannister. "He said we were pushing the houndaries far too far -although We had saved the do best. I said, I can't do that Between you and I, the best delivered the audience, then you can show your authority. That's what happened.

Mr Bannister said he had been contacted two weeks ago by Michael Foster, Evans's would consider Evans for the Radio I breakfast show: phoned him back and said. can't think about it - I'm committed to my new team'.



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TONY BANKS, the Sports Minister, yesterday appealed for all England supporters who were hurt during the match against Italy to write to him so that he could build up a complete picture of the treatment they received from Ital-

Hundreds of fans contacted the telephone hotlines set up by the Football Association yesterday to describe their experiences. There was unanimous condemnation of the police tactics and a demand for the FA and the Government to press for an apology from the Italian authorities for what was described as "bar-

baric treatment".
They told how items of clothing were stripped from them, women had their handbags emptied on the floor and how 4,000 fans had to wait three hours before they could leave the Rome stadium.

Shiela Spiers, vice-chair-man of the England Football Supporters' Association, said: "We get blamed when English fans mishehave. This time it must be made clear the Italians were to blame."

The teenage son of David Mellor, head of the Football Task Force, was among those on the receiving end of what he describes as the 'heavyhanded" tactics of the police.

in a letter to The Times, Anthony Mellor. 17, said: "I saw the police going mad, they just hit English fans with batons, with their guns. They Supporters who

felt the wrath of Italian police are

pressing for an apology, Daniel McGrory writes

were headbutting fans with

their riot helmets. There was no question that the England fans were being bombarded but the police did nothing until there was retaliation and they just laid into the English supporters. My father had warned me that the police would confiscate items from us as we went into the ground but the undertaking he was given by the chief of police in Rome that we would be treated decently simply did

not happen." For many like Molly Dineen, 38, a documentary film-maker, the match was their first trip abroad to watch England. She had travelled with her husband and a group of friends and said: "It was as if we had walked into enemy territory. Everywhere we went we were pushed around by police. Travelling to the stadium I was shoved on to a tram

and jabbed with a baton. Inside the stadium we were confronted by a huge bottleneck of England fans being searched. The police were taking perfume and make-up from women's handbags and ripping belts off everyone and throwing them into an empty corridor beside some toilets in

a heap.
"When one man tried to explain his Armani belt cost £150 he was hit in the face. A 70-year-old man, a lifelong fan, was hit by a baton. What harm could he have done?"

Nick Ager, 40, a retail manager from Peterborough. described the frustration at being penned in the stadium at the end of the game. "In the end I picked up some Italian coins that had been thrown at us and used them in a pay phone to contact the British Embassy in Rome. I asked the duty officer if he was aware that thousands of British citizens were stuck here, he said, 'I had no idea. We had 30 people at the ground but they all went home.

"At gate 50 there were 2,000 of us marooned. The police who were watching us all carried rifles. What have guns got to do with crowd control? Nobody explained why we were there. Nobody could get a drink of water, or get to the

Kate Jackson, 22, a City dealer, had paid £350 for her package tour. She said when she realised that her ticket was for the opposite end of the ground to the official England supporters' party she tele-



Anthony Mellor: "I saw the Italian police going mad, they just hit English fans with batons, with their guns"

phoned the FA for reass-

"I also phoned Scotland Yard and everyone said the Italian authorities were aware what was happening. I was searched quite savagely. Perfume, hair spray and an umbrella were just snatched out of my bag. Nobody asked or explained. When I asked where I could get it back there was no answer.

"One man beside me simply asked where he could retrieve his camera which had been thrown into a bin liner and a policeman just punched him in the face, splitting his nose. It was truly horrendous behaviour of which the Italians should be ashamed.

William Sieghart, page 20

'Innocent' supporter in coma after casino brawl

By Roger Maynard and Adrian Lee

A BRITISH fan was on a lifesupport machine yesterday after he was caught up in a brawl between rival supporters in an Australian casino. Hayden Wederell, 26, from Saffron Walden, Essex, was watching the England match

on a big screen when fighting broke out. Footage from security cameras suggested that he was an innocent bystander. Last night, as his parents Peter and Margaret flew to Sydney, he was said to be in a coma, having undergone a

brain operation. Mrs Wederell, 48. said: "The outlook for Hayden is not good." Her son, a Manchester United fan. was travelling the world in search of adventure and to get over the break-up of a long-term relationship. Police said Mr Wederell, a former chef, was the victim of a vicious and cowardly attack

as English supporters fought

at the Darling Harbour casi-

no in Sydney with Australians of Macedonian descent. Jim Morige of Sydney police said Mr Wederell was kicked and punched. "There was

fighting going on everywhere and this bloke came up from the side of him looked around to see if anyone was watching him and just punched him in the face.

"As he went down he kicked him twice in the head. He just went absolutely crazy and continued to punch and kick other people. It's shocking -just over a soccer match."

Police studied video footage of the incident before charging five men from a Macedonian football club in Victoria.



Wederell: caught up in clash between rivals

Steve Risteski, 22. charged with grievous bodily harm.

Officers said that a bottle was thrown just after the game ended, apparently starting the mass brawl Police said that a Briton might also be charged with offensive behaviour

Mr Wederell's father, 51, a printer and amateur football coach, said: "Hayden is just an ordinary lad. He's not the sort to look for trouble or get involved. We were told he was in the wrong place at the

Mr Wederell left Essex in June, with three friends; to spend a year abroad. He was working in a Sydney bakery to pay for his travels. Mr Wederell, who is being

treated at St Vincent's Hospital, is a keen sportsman who played cricket for Audley End and football for Debden in

He spoke to his mother two weeks ago. She said: "He told us he was fine, that everything was going well and they were looking forward to the next leg of their journey."

Italian officials criticise British reaction

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FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME

A DIPLOMATIC divide was opening between Italy and Britain last night over criticism of police violence during Saturday's football international in Rome

Mario Pescante, president of the Italian Olympic Com-mittee, accused British ministers of duplicity in criticising police who had baton-charged English fans, and Italian officials are increasingly resentful of questions about the policing of the Italy-England match. Most Romans believe that the tactics were right.

Signor Pescante, who watched the match in the VIP section with Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, said: The English Minister said certain things to me, then said something totally different to the newspapers." This ap-peared to be a reference to Mr. 1. Banks who, after wimessing the stadium violence, said that an inquiry by the Football Association was needed. Signor Pescante said: "We really won't accept lessons from the English." He said that England, with a reputation for hooliganism abroad, would "be wise to reflect carefully" before putting itself forward to host the World Cup in 2006. Mr Banks said in a BBC radio interview that Italians in the ground had started the trou-

The divide over how the violence began and whether police over-reacted widened yes terday as the British Embassy in Rome urgently requested a report from the Italian authorities.

Italian police insist that they used necessary force to break up violence within the ground. They accept that mistakes had been made in arrangements that allowed English fans to buy tickets on the day for seats in the Italian sections.

About 2,500 riot-trained police were on duty on Saturday, 1,500 of them brought in

from areas outside Rome. It emerged yesterday that Mu. 24, has lost his sight in one eye after being attacked by English fans before the match.

Four admit assaulting Rome police

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME

FOUR fans who attacked Italian policemen were heading home after receiving eight-month suspended jail sentences at Rome Assizes yesterday. One of them, Andrew Jordan, 38, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, had a badly bruised eye and limoed into the dock.

Jordan, Fernando Puertollano, 31, a psychiatric nurse of Brentwood, Essex, and Nigel Andrews, 37, a father of two from Cradley Heath, West Midlands, admitted assaulting Carlo Lucaroni, the only officer taken to hospital out of 6,000

concussion after the attack and will be off work for four days, Patrick Brogan, 30, a hairdresser of Aldershot, Hampshire, admitted assaulting a traffic policeman before the game. All four were due to arrive at Luton Airport last night.

Thirty-one England fans were arrested during the weekend for violent behaviour or resisting arrest. The others are being held at two jails, where it is expected a cases, rather than take them to court. Seven are being held at Ribibbia jail, on the outskirts of Rome, after an elderly

man and his son were attacked on a train from Milan to the capital before the match. It is understood that seven of those in custody are known to British police and four of them are described as "hard core"

☐ Stephen Smith, 31, of Scunthorpe, was barred from Ireland for the rest of his life by Dublin Circuit Criminal Court after admitting violent disorder during the 1995 Ireland-England international in Dublin. two-year jail sentence was suspended on condition that he paid £2,500 to a charity for the dying.

Travellers to World Cup undeterred

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

THE fracas in Rome has not deterred many English football fans from booking their trip to France next summer for the World Cup. As inquiries begin into the mistakes in ticketing and security arrangements in Italy, concern is growing about how to police the 30,000 fans expected to make their way there. The Foot-ball Association was too busy handling complaints from returning fans yesterday next summer. Shiela Spiers, vice-chair-to consider specific plans for France, man of the England Football Supporters Ministers and the football authorities

want an urgent meeting with the Foreign Office and police so that planning can begin. They are also seeking an early meeting with the French World Cup organisers to review lessons from Rome. What concerns the authorities is that

the vast majority of fans are being expected to make their own arrangements

man of the England Football Supporters Association, said last night: There is no way the FA can run organised trips and keep tabs which England fans travel and where they get tickets. She said that France was "so close, so easy to get to, that many fans will combine the World Cup with a family holiday". Travel companies yesterday reported brisk business from fans booking for next year.

Boxer on life support after title bout defeat

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

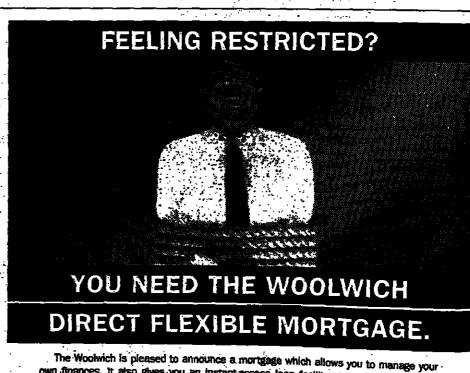
A BOXER who underwent an operation to remove a blood clot on his brain hours after a title fight was critically ill last

night. Carl Wright, 28, nicknamed The Wildcat, was on a life. support machine at the Walton Centre for neurology and neurosurgery in Liverpool. His pregnant wife and family were with him. Wright began to complain of nausea and headaches as he was being driven home by his trainer Colin Moorcroft after his unsuccessful challenge for the vacant British light-welter-

weight title on Saturday night. Paul Wright, 31, his older brother, who is the central area middleweight champion. said last night. "I will never box again after this. I could not put our family through this sort of pain again."

Boxing fans had earlier seen Carl Wright taking enormous punishment at the Sheffield Arena in a promotion featuring Naseem Hamed's World Boxing Organisation featherweight title defence against José Badillo of Puerto Rico. Mr Wright, of Kensington, Liverpool, was defeated comprehensively by Mark Winters, from Ulster, on points over 12 rounds. After the fight he felt well enough to watch the rest of the bill,

The British Boxing Board of Control promised to learn any lessons to be drawn from the injury. Simon Block, the assistant general secretary, said: "Quite clearly we have to establish the full facts of what happened to Carl."



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NEWS IN BRIEF Frenchman held over killings

rape and murder of a woman, and the torture and murder of her children, aged 18 months and 4, was remanded in custody until October 20 by Bow Street magistrates at an extradition hearing yesterday.

Jacques Girardin, 39, was arrested after he asked for directions at a police station in Uppermill, near Oldham. He is charged with murdering the mother in Angers, France. There was no bail application.

Bullying victim

Kelly Yeomans, the 13-yearold girl who took an overdose after being bullied, has been buried near her home in Allenton, Derbyshire, after a funeral service at the Salvation Army Citadel in Derby, where she sang in the choir.

Boy beaten

Stephen O'Grady, a former prison officer of Abbey Wood, southeast London, was put on probation and ordered to pay £150 compensation at Maidstone Crown Court for beating a seven-year-old boy with a leather belt.

Murder suspect

Brian Meehan, 31, wanted in connection with the murder of Veronica Guerin, the Irish journalist, will appear in court in Amsterdam today to face extradition charges. He was arrested by Dutch police on Friday.

Drink problem

A teacher at Woodlands secondary school in Coventry has been suspended after allegations that he sold bottles of cur-price whisky to staff and parents. One of the pupils is alleged to have been given bottles to take to his mother.

Garden treasure

A 2,500-year-old Celtic stone head used by a Manchester family as a garden ornament has been transferred to a museum after being identified by a passer-by. The Iron Age head has been valued at £2,000.



Valerie Elliott on a scheme to hold

300 asylum seekers on the Thames

HUNDREDS of homeless asylum-seekers could be housed in a floating hotel on the Thames. The plan to accommodate nearly 300 foreign nationals on offshore platforms designed for oil rig workers is being examined by a consortium of five London

The councils have been forced to look for imaginative solutions after the number of refugees being housed in the boroughs reached 15,000, costing them £100 million a year. No site has been set aside but a mooring off Tilbury docks is understood to be

one of the proposed locations.

The facilities of the floating hotels used by oil rig workers in the North Sea compare favourably with those of a good hotel. They include double cabins with en-suite bathrooms and cable television. central heating, a cinema, library, gymnasium, sauna, laundry, and hospital.

Westminster City Council is taking the lead on the issue after it was approached by a private firm. Alex Segal, Westminster's chairman of social services, has passed the plan to the consortium -Camden, Lambeth, Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham, and Westminster — which will discuss the idea later this

Mr Segal believes that accommodation in a floating hotel would be of a much higher than standard bed and breakfast hotels in the capital and would cost the council less. The situation has arisen after a ruling in the Court of

Appeal last year that local authorities should house and feed asylum-seekers left destitute by the withdrawal of benefits under the previous.
Government There is also a
backlog of 52,000 people
awaiting a decision on political asylum. The figures have escalated to such an extent that many councils are hous-ing more asylum-seekers than homeless people. In Westmin-ster, five asylum-seekers were

being housed in August 1996.

That figure has risen to more than 600.

The Home Office is being kept informed of the development. The Prison Service is already making use of a prison ship at Weymouth in Dorset to alleviate an accommodation crisis. Last night-Mike O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, said he was aware of the option. "We would want to ensure that the accommodation was adequate for refugees. We have inherit-ed a difficult situation, and as part of the comprehensive spending review we are examining the way in which asylum-seekers are assisted and supported. We are determined that no refugees will be left:

Nick Hardwick, director of the Refugee Council, said: "We are extremely concerned that asylum-seekers may be housed on a ship. It demonstrates the absurdity of the situation facing local authorities."

Last night a spokesman for Westminster City Council de-clined to give details of the company or the proposal because the matter was "commercially confidential

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By the left a column of miniature Napoleonic soldiers from Malcolm Forbes's collection beng inspected by Hugo Marsh of Christie's

Marching orders for millionaire's army

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

A FORTUNE estimated at close to \$1 billion could have bought the late Malcolm Forbes his own private army, like that of the late Duke of Atholl. Instead, he chose to assemble the world's largest toy army, made up of thousands of miniature lead figores, guns and dioramas.

The heirs of the chairman, founder and editor-in chief of Forbes magazine and associated media group, have decided to sell the collection through Christie's in London and New York in December. The biggest single-owner collection of toy soldiers to come to the market, it is a powerful monument to childhood for a man who never lost

his taste for youthful excess. There are some 60,000 miniature figures, including Napoleon's soldiers, the French forces who died at Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam, Beduin hordes and massed ranks from the First and Second World Wars.

Forbes, who died in 1990 shortly after celebrating his 70th birthday in Tangiers with a sumptuously vulgar party and Elizabeth Taylor on his arm, bought his first toy soldiers in the early 1970s on a whim - impulsively sticking up his hand at an auction. When he looked at the box of battered old American doughboys, he was hooked. Forbes kept his collection at



Forbes: became hooked on collecting figures

the Palais Mendoub, his home in Tangiers, which was visited by thousands of visitors each year, all of whom

were prepared to make the

his father's view of collecting. Pop didn't believe in keeping something for ever," he said. "He believed collecting was a dynamic, evolving process one that both interests and acquisitions can change."

imaginative leap from the miniature to the real thing.

According to Robert

Forbes, vice-president of

Forbes Inc. the sale reflects

Hugo Marsh, Christie's toy specialist in London, said: One is aware of a real sense of fun that he must have had, assembling it with such style and passion.

Forbes particularly liked figures from bands of the Guards regiments and Highland regiments in action, because of his Scottish roots. There are also many Beduin

set against a background from the conflict in which Turks took on Italians in Tripoli, Libya, in 1911. This is expected to sell for more than £3.000.

soldiers on horseback, a nod

has matured considerably

since they were first sold at

auction about 30 years ago, a few years before William

Hague decided, aged 12, that

his toy soldiers were distract-

ing him from a life in politics

The most expensive lot is

expected to be a box set made by the French Mignot com-pany, which contains soldiers

and sold them.

The market in toy soldiers

to his bome in Tangiers.

It is expected that the Forbes collection will fetch'

Brent Spar's future still in murky water

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

AN assessment of how to dispose of the Brent Spar oil platform has failed to find an option with a clear advantage

on cost, environmental and safety grounds. Six contractors have put forward

After a campaign by Greenpeace blocked its disposal at sea in 1995, it remains in a Norwegian fjord. The solution might set a precedent for the dispo-sal of about 50 North Sea oil and gas

Proposals range from scrapping the Spar onshore to using its segments for a fish farm or sea defences. Eric Faulds ideas for dealing with the structure. of Shell said yesterday that the study

by Det Norske Veritas, an independent Norwegian foundation of marine assessors, showed that none of the eight proposals was "the clear winner". Groups in Britain and on the Continent are to be consulted before a decision is made on which option is to be submitted to the British Government. Deep-sea disposal would be the cheapest, but is thought unlikely

because of the commercial and political repercussions. The most expensive option, at £48 million, would be to tow the Spar to a yard at Nigg, Highland, where it would be scrapped. Another proposal, which appears more environmentally attractive and would cost far less, involves slicing the buoy into rings which would be used to make a quay extension in Norway.

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Visiting Clinton pleads for South American help to defeat drug barons

due to arrive in Brazil last night after a 24-hour stay in Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, where he called on South Americans to back him in efforts to "unite the Americas", fight drug traffickers. clamp down on corruption and encourage development in the

In a speech made to the "peoples of the Americas" at the National Pantheon, a monument where Venezuelans honour their forefathers and historical figures, Mr Clinton charmed an audience of thousands by saying "everything is chevere in Caracas" - a

The President has launched his tour with Clinton said after meeting President

talk of unity and the winning use of a little slang, writes Gabriella Gamini

Our hemisphere is more united each day, we are joined by joint values, history and our embracing of democracy." Mr the barriers of the past and open doors to the 21st century." The President praised South Ameri-

from decades of civil war to become "peaceful, open democracies" and called on them to ensure "social justice". He praised Venezuela's efforts at reducing foreign

debt and cutting inflation. "If we stay this course in the 21st century, the Americas will be a stronghold for security and dedent Caldera and before boarding a flight to Brasilia.

Mr Clinton and Señor Caldera signed agreements on co-opera-tion in the battle against drug barons, who use Venezuela as a transit port for cocaine produced in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia. They also sealed agreements on technological and educational cooperation, and Mr Clinton promised to buy more petroleum from

South America's biggest supplier. Mr Clinton is on his first presidential visit to South Ameri-

Argentina on Thursday. Scheduled months ago when he still hoped to get "fast-track" authority from Congress to strike trade agreements, the trip had been expected to set the groundwork for a hemispheric trade bloc.

But Mr Clinton has arrived without the authority that would allow him to negotiate concrete continental free trade zone. He will have to postpone this until the Summit of the Americas to be held in Santiago, the Chilean seems, therefore, that his tour will

agreements intended to establish closer ties between North and poor South America and "mend traditional fences" that have for decades divided the poorer south from the richer north.

Mr Clinton's dream of a "United Americas" echoes fears in the US that it will lose influence over the growing markets in South America. But in Brazil he may face some opposition. The continent's biggest economy is keen to steer regional policies and has refused to bring down tariffs on

United States imports. A diplomatic row over a US eport to White house staff con-

demning Brazil's "endemic corruption" also soured relations. The State Department announced that the the word "endemic" would be replaced with "widespread", but this has not appeased

the Brazilian authorities.
President Cardoso was last night due to welcome Mr Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, with dinner and a lively samba show. But today the visitors are expected to broach sensitive topics, such as Brazil's burning of the Amazon rainforest, human rights violations by the police and

Disastrous losses as fires rage on three continents

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUGE fires were blazing on three continents yesterday, adding to fears about the damage being done to some of the world's great woodlands and the wildlife they hold.

Hopes that fires in Indonesia were under control were dashed by reports that a big increase in the number of new forest blazes had been detected at the weekend.

The Indonesian Government feared that more fires could be hidden from satellite view by the thick haze which is still shrouding some areas.

In the Amazon basin an estimated 500,000 hectares, an area the size of Wales, was ablaze. A cloud of smog, estimated to be about a mile wide, has been hanging over

the city of Mañāus. Wide Fund for Nature blamed the fires on landowners using slash-and-burn techniques to clear trees for agriculture. A

But Mr Howard said the owners were waiting for the dry season before clearing the 20 per cent, then allowing the flames to rage out of control. The fund estimates that for every 200 acres legally cleared, 1.000 are burnt accidentally or deliberately.

In Kazakhstan, it was reported meanwhile that forest fires had spread to northwestern China, about 1,560 miles from Beijing. It is claimed that the fires crossed the border on Saturday. Windborne smoke is causing an increase in respiratory illness in northern

In Australia, firefighters are battling to halt bushfires cov-England. The Bushfires Board Western Australia said about 50 fires had been burning for two weeks in the



A firefighter resting after failing to save a house during battles against bushfires in Australia earlier this year. Dozens of houses were razed

remote Pilbara and Kimberly regions. Bushfires occur there annually but landowners have described these as the worst in living memory, destroying twice as much land as the Indonesian forest fires. They have also aggravated tensions between farmers and Aborigines. Farmers suspect some of

fires to drive game for a hunt and Barry Court, president of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association, said it was possible this was happening

Volunteers and farmers were intending to start a 30mile firebreak east of Broome, in the northwest of the state. Much of the land destroyed so far contained mainly dry spigrass, used as feed for stock. in Indonesia, airports were shut down again because of the haze. Satellite pictures

showed that the number of fire spots on the islands of Sumatra. Java and Kalimantan increased from 16 to 40 by the weekend, the Jakarta Post said, quoting official sources.

in Singapore, haze returned yesterday, despite heavy rains authorities advised the elderly and people with heart and respiratory problems to reduce physical exertion and outdoor activity.

Rains last week appeared

initially to have helped to quell the fires which have destroyed up to 1.9 million acres of forest. according to some estimates.

This came on top of efforts by about 1,000 Malaysian firefighters who were sent to Indonesia to join attempts to curb the fires and end the haze which brought weeks of mis-In parts of Sarawak, the Malaysian state in Borneo, pollution rose to dangerous levels on a number of occa-

been deployed in the three-provinces since September 24. helping local efforts to fight the fires, which have sent a thick haze over most of southeast Asia.

sions. The Malaysians have

Some of the areas hit have been tropical rainforests ecosystems.

A local environment official said it could take a quarter of century for central Borneo to

Amazon destroyers blaze trail of ruin

tion of Brazil's Amazon alarmingly over the past years and the Government is not doing enough to protect the world's largest tropical forest, according to conservationists

(writes Gabriella Gamini). Satellite research presented recently by the World Wide Fund for Nature in London showed Brazil's forests being cut down or burnt faster than in other countries. Of 170,000 square km of rainforest destroyed every year across the globe, 15,000 were in the Amazon basin, it said.

Brazil's rainforest areas are being burnt down at alarming rates. It still has the biggest forest cover, but if destruction is not controlled the environmental consequences will be devastating." said Garo Batamanian, direc>

tor of WWFN Brazil. The environmental effects of some 15,000 "man-made" forest fires detected this month by a US-made satellite used by the Brazilian authorities are

being felt around the Amazon. Huge clouds of smoke, similar to those in Indonesia and Malaysia, cover a ten-mile radius around cities such as Manaus, Belem and Porto

In Manaus, hospitals are filled with old and young people suffering pulmonary diseases. Locals blame fires started by landowners, who each year cut down and burn more forest to make way for cattle ranches.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Athens rocked by strong earthquake

southwestern Greece yesterday, shaking buildings and sending people in some coastal towns running from their houses. The Athens Seismological Institute said the tremor registered a relatively strong 5.8 on the Richter scale.

Police said the only reports of damage came from villages in the southern Peloponnese, where cracks appeared in old houses. Residents, fearing a second tremor, moved into new homes with friends and relatives. Witnesses in Athens felt buildings rock with enough force to shake chairs and rattle window blinds. The institute said that the earthquake's epicentre was 150 miles southwest of Athens under the seabed. One report said that the tremor was felt as far away as Crete. (Reuters)

Congo capital 'near defeat'

Brazzaville: Forces loyal to embattled President Pascal Lissouba used a helicopter gunship to try to repulse advances in the Congo Republic's capital of Brazzaville yesterday by its former unlitary ruler, General Denis Sassou Nguesso. Witnesses said that the helicopter fired rockets into new positions held in the devastated city centre by General Sassou's Cobra militia, who predict the capital will fall within days. Commanders in General Sassou's forces have vowed to press on with their advance and capture the international airport and presidential palace, both strategic and symbolic prizes in the four-month power struggle between the President and his predecessor. (Reuters)

Castro endorses his brother

Havana: In rare comments about Cuba's leadership after his death, President Castro has endorsed his brother Raul, right, as successor and urged the party to maintain unity in fighting for the revolution. "Raul is younger than I, more energetic than I," Señor Castro, 71, said in a four-hour speech at the Fifth Communist Party Congress. There have been rumours rumours that the President is ill, but these have been denied by



Saturn probe postponed

Cape Canaveral: Dangerously strong wind and computer problems forced Nasa, the US space agency, to delay the launch of Cassini, its Saturn probe, powered by 72lb of highly radioactive plutonium. Nasa said it would try again tomorrow. A lone protester, Kevin Marsh, was thrilled with the postponement. "I love it" he said. "They call it the winds, I call it the hand of God." His fellows had long fled, fearing that a launch accident would cause carcinogenic plutonium to rain down, despite Nasa's assurances that everything would be safe, even if the Titan 4B rocket blew up. (AP)

11 killed in Egypt ambush

Cairo: In one of the bloodiest attacks by suspected Islamic militants in Egypt, nine policemen and two Copts were shot dead yesterday in two incidents in the southern province of Minya (Emad Mekay writes). Armed attackers blocked roads in rural areas, stopped taxis and forced passengers out at gunpoint, police said. The attackers checked identity cards and singled out Copts and those with affiliations to the police, tied their hands behind their back and shot them, sources said. It was thought to be the higgest number of police killed by the militants in one day.

Slimmer Clinton impresses critics

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX

A NEW-LOOK President Clinton has intrigued Americans and impressed even his critics — aithrugh his shirt collars have yet to slim, too.

Since tearing a knee tendon in March, the 51-year-old President has shed 20th and improved his fitness. A recent medical check found him in robust health bar the now famous need for a hearing aid for "high frequencies".

Now he tips the scales at about 14st, almost his weight when a Rhodes scholar at Oxford in his twenties, and 2st 2lb less than when he was elected in 1992. It is only slightly above the Weight Watchers recommendation for his age and off 2½ in frame. He has reined in — at least partly — a legendary appetite for fast food.

After the accident, doctors took advantage of his immobilisation to wean him off hamburgers and barbecued pork and beans and on to fruit. He replaced breakfast and lunch with brunch, and cut out dessert at dinner.

So absternious has his regime become that aides take their own salt, pepper and Tabasco on to Air Force One to liven up salt-less, fat-free



Clinton and loose collar in Venezuela yesterday

meals. The transformation was revealed at Martha's Vineyard where he strolled on the beach in shorts, a spectacle that a year ago would have fuelled late-night comedians for months.

So proud is he of his physique, he dominates conversations with boasting about his rejuvenation, White

Siege of widow has now cost \$500,000

New York The siege by armed police, now in its fourth week, outside the home of Shirley Allen, a widow who refuses to obey a judge's order to undergo a psychiatric examination, has so far cost more than \$500.000 (£308,000) (Tunku Varadaajan writes).

The stand-off, which began on September 22 after Mrs Allen, 51, locked herself in her farmstead in Roby, near Springfield, Illinois, has alienated almost all of the 100.

people in the village. In their attempt to secure Mrs Allen's surrender, the police have cut off her electricity, water supply and tele-

phone line. They have even fired teargas shells into her home and blasted her with unpleasant music. Yesterday a neighbour who attempted to break through police lines with groceries and water for Mrs Allen was arrested. Local residents are out-

raged by what they see as police heavy-handedness. They say Mrs Allen has broken no law, and the court order for a mental examination was obtained by relatives eager to take possession of her farmstead. A rally is planned for today outside the county courthouse, at which a demand will be made for the judge to rescind his order **ded**

Britain slips in Kashmir quagmire

Christopher Thomas reports on the desperate damage control efforts by embarrassed Foreign Office officials

A FRENZIED Foreign Office normalisation of relations bedamage control exercise was under way last night as the Queen's sub-continental state visit sank into a diplomatic

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, who is travelling with the Queen, said he welcomed a denial by the Indian Government that Inder Kumar Gujral, their Prime Minister, had privately described Britain as a thirdrate power and that he had attacked it for meddling in Indian affairs.

Mr Cook was widely quoted in the Pakistani press last week as saying in private conversation that Britain sought peace between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. He denied yesterday that he spoke informally to journalists. But plainly conversations did take place and the reporters insist that the Foreign Secretary was not misquoted.

A statement issued by the Pakistani Foreign Office after the meeting between Mr Cook and Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, and Gohar Ayub Khan, the Foreign Minister, last Thursday said that the British Foreign Secretary had offered to help to find "a just solution" in Jammu and

The statement said that during his meeting with the Pakistani leaders, Mr Cook had expressed his willingness to help to achieve a negotiated and peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute. The statement quoted the Foreign Secretary as saying: "No doubt Kashmir was the main stum-

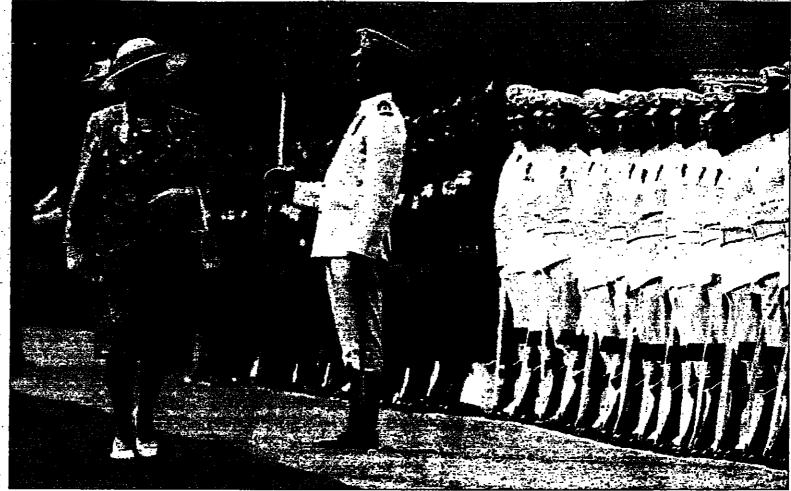
tween India and Pakistan. Britain would be happy to help in any manner that is possible to facilitate the resolu-

tion of the problem." Talking to a group of journalists before his departure from Islamabad on Thursday, Mr Cook said that Britain wanted to see a tension-free South Asia. He was further quoted as saying that his country was not in a position to pressurise India for a settlement of the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. "We are no more the British Empire to fix the direction of any state in the sub-continent," said Mr.

The Queen has been brought into the dispute because of remarks she made at a state banquet in Islam-abad last week, when she urged Pakistan and India to end their differences. This seemingly innocuous statement stung India because it served to internationalise the Kashmir conflict.

There is a growing perception in Delhi political circles that the British Foreign Office has bungled what should have been a goodwill trip by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to celebrate India's 50th anniversary of independence. The Indian press has become extraordinarily hostile as the tour sinks deeper into

Mr Cook had talks yesterday with Mr Gujral, who is also the External Affairs Minister, and declared in a statement that the "long and close ties between our two countries



The Queen inspects the honour guard at the presidential palace in central Delhi yesterday at the start of her six-day state visit to India

between two independent and equal states". Privately, Indian officials were not nearly so bland in their assessments of the relationship. They were still extremely angry at what they regard as a bias in favour of Pakistan over Kashmir.

The Queen spoke again last night about closer regional cooperation, but in far more tactful terms and without mentioning Pakistan by name. This may have been a

calculated toning down after such a strong Indian reaction to last week's speech, widely perceived in India as didactic and inappropriate during a

"If countries in the region share a goal and understand that by working together they give themselves a better chance of achieving it, then historical hostilities can be buried for good, she said. Europe and it is surely true in South Asia today." Sovereignty was no longer something to be preserved in isolation. Addressing a banquet host-

ed by President Narayanan in the presidential palace, the close apologising for the "distressing" massacre of nearly 400 people in the Punjabi city of Amritsar 78 years ago troops

statement of regret than India had expected, although it will still not satisfy many descendants of the dead.

Sikhs are planning a demonstration when the Queen visits Jallianwala Bagh today, but they will be kept far away from her. They want her to issue an outright apology, although the Indian Government has made clear it does not expect one. Most Sikhs in

the Queen's comments and her visit to the massacre site atone for the slaughter. ☐ Hunger strike: Tushar Gandhi, the grandson of Ma-

hatma Gandhi, India's independence hero, was arrested in Gujarat after launching a fast against Gujarat government corruption. The Pioneer newspaper said the fast was declared illegal by the authorities, but Mr Gandhi was later

Software tycoon aims for tougher gun laws

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BILL GATES, the software tycoon, has thrown his wealth behind an attempt to impose new curbs on guns in the West Coast state of Washington. prompting one of the biggest showdowns this year between the National Rifle Association

(NRA) and its foes.

Mr Gates, his wife Melinda
and his father William have together contributed \$185,000 (£114,000) - nearly one third 676, which aims to introduce some of America's strictest curbs on gun ownership.

The NRA has been surprised by the attack. It regards the region, with its pioneer tradition of gun ownership and hostility to government control, as a stronghold.

Tanya Metaksa, the NRA chief lobbyist, has spent the past two weeks spearheading a campaign that aims to broadcast five times as many television advertisements as supporters of the initiative before next month's voting.

Under the proposal, handgun owners would be required to pass a safety test showing they could use the weapon properly before being licensed to buy or continue owning the gun. All pistols, new or used, would have to be fitted with trigger-locks before they can be sold. Only Connecticut has similar curbs, and no other Western state has approached the requirements.

The initiative marks a sig-nificant new tactic by a lobby group: putting forward pro-posals at state level, and appealing directly to voters. rather than trying to push national legislation through Congress, which has traditionally been susceptible to pressure by well-funded groups such as the NRA. Between 1991 and 1995 in

Washington state, 30 children were killed and 211 suffered serious injuries from accidental shootings. In 1995 the FBI recorded 179

justifiable handgun killings in America — use of a gun in selfdefence — compared with

Cook accused of undermining state visit with gaffe

MICHAEL HOWARD, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, yesterday accused Robin Cook of putting his foot in it over Kashmir.

Never in recent British history has a Foreign Secretary upset so many people in such a short time." he said. Sad to say, a period of silence from Mr Cook would do much for Britain's standing in the world."

The Foreign Office swiftly. denied reports that Mr Cook had made any public statement on Kashmir, and said that his remarks to Pakistani politicians had been in private. It said that Mr Cook had suggested nothing new on Kashmir. The Government's position was known to both India and Pakistan from the moment it came to power."

does not involve any political negotiation. The Foreign Secretary accompanies the

Kashmir has proved a diplomatically dangerous territory for both Labour and Conservative Foreign Secretaries, writes Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

does not normally hold any substantive talks. No officials from the Foreign Office are with Mr Cook apart from his private secretary and a sec-

Kashmir is an explosive issue that has blown up in the face of British politicians before and now threatens to overshadow the Oueen's state visit to India. In 1995 Douglas Hurd, then Foreign Secretary, was cold-shouldered by Pakistan after officials rejected as unacceptable remarks he made in India suggesting that old United Nations resolutions were no longer a realis-

Queen as her adviser and tic basis for solving the

The row that has erupted in India over purported remarks by Mr Cook has its origins in Labour Party politics and intense Indian suspicions of the Labour Government. Labour has traditionally taken a line closer to Pakistan than to India on Kashmir, insisting that Britain, as the former imperial power, has a duty to help to resolve the dispute. To Pakistan, this lends weight to Islamabad's call for international mediation. To India, it smacks of interference by former colon Kashmir, together with

vital electoral importance. In marginal constituencies where the ethnic vote might make a big difference, all political candidates have become experts on the issue. And Labour, more than the Conservatives, attracts Asian votes. The party has held issue and in 1995 the National **Executive Committee adopted** a resolution that Indian politi

voured the Pakistani position In opposition, Labour paid considerable attention to the sub-continent. Labour politicians hosted a reception for Benazir Bhutto two years ago when, as Prime Minister of visit to Britain.

Kashmir was one of the issues on which Mr Cook asked for an early and thorough briefing on being ap-pointed Shadow Foreign

Cyprus, is a foreign dispute of Secretary. India has been intensely wary of any Labour initiative on Kashmir, believing that it is bound to be partisan. Delhi has felt more comfortable with Conservatives who spoke out little on Preparations for the

Queen's state visits to India and Pakistan have been going The Foreign Office normally ambassadors, diplomats and

has a large role in drafting the monarch's speech traditionally delivered during the banquets during such visits.

The speech would through several versions, with the first draft normally being drawn up by the department cerned. It is then passed to the head of department and comon for more than two years. ment is invited from serving

Buckingham Palace also has a hand in shaping the speech, traditionally a bland and upbeat assessment of British relations with the host country. By tradition, controversial political points are avoided. The Queen herself has the final say on her

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renews threat to take land

IN HARARE

PRESIDENT Mugabe vowed again yesterday to seize white-

But, repeating a theme he has often used in recent months, he said the Government would pay for buildings the soil itself".

summit later this month in Edinburgh.
"If the British Government wants us to compensate its

4,500 white farmers still own more than a third of the nation's productive land and

eight million poor black

Mugabe

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

without paying compensation and to hand them over to landless black peasants.

Mr Mugabe, touring the western Marabeleland province, challenged the British Government to compensate the descendants of white settlers, who were mostly British. He said he would raise the issue with Tony Blair later this month, according to the Zimbabwe Inter African News

Agency.

"We are going to take this land and are not going to pay a cent to any soul," Mr Mugabe told supporters in the small farming town of Gwanda, south of the provincial capital, Bulawayo.

and what he termed "infrastructural development, not

Mr Mugabe is to meet the British Prime Minister at a

children, it must give us the money or it does the compensation itself," he said. In August, Mr Mugabe said 1,700 farms had been "designated" for resettlement. About

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block sales of murder book

By BEN MACINTYRE

A PARIS court yesterday banned sales of a book alleging that two former Cabinet ministers had arranged the 1994 assassination of a woman MP and prominent anti-corruption

campaigner. In The Yann Pias Af-fair: Murderers at the Heart of Power, two investigative journalists, André Rougeot and Jean-Michel Verne, allege that Mme Piat, a defector from the National Front and deputy for the centre-right UDF party, was shot dead on a leserted road in the south of France on the orders of two politicians, identified

only by code names. François Léotard, the former Defence Minister and head of the UDF, and Jean-Claude Gaudin, the Mayor of Marseilles. claimed they were easily identifiable as the plot's alleged architects, and faunched a libel action.

The book has provoked a political uproar in France by claiming that the two politicians called in a "hit squad" to kill Mme Piat after she discovered a plot to sell off disused military land as part of a matia moneylaundering operation in the Var region.

The Paris court yesterday ordered the book's publisher to withdraw it from sale pending another hearing on Octo-ber 24. Under French laws governing press freedom. the authors must now "justify themselves by providing proof of the truth of the allegations or exonerate themselves from responsibility by proving good faith".

President Chirac led a widespread denunciation of the allegations and, in a symbolic show of support. Gaudin the Legion d'hon-neur in recognition of his fine political career".

Kohl calls for party unity in battle for re-election

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

man Chancellor, yesterday launched the longest election campaign in Germany's history with a passionate party conference speech that was supposed to silence critics and reassure the increasingly ner-vous and restless supporters of his Christian Democratic Union. Rather than put his decision

to stand for re-election as Chancellor next year to the vote, he merely stated his intention and waited for the predictably thunderous standing ovation. He called for party discipline - this is the last full conference of the CDU before the general election next September - and took a swipe at the Wild Bunch, the young rebels who have been urging radical changes.

"I insist that everyone in the party does their bit." said the Chancellor, emphasising the word everyone. "This will be one of the hardest elections in the history of Germany," he

HELMUT KOHL, the Ger- said, and called on the party to muster some fighting spirit. The muzzling of his critics applies also to the more senior figures in the party — promi-nent among them the Prime Minister of Saxony. Kurt Biedenkopf — who have be-

> introducing the euro on time. The euro is not only an economic but a political key to the future," said the Chancel-lor. "We will ensure that the euro is brought in on time and as a stable currency in complete compliance with the Maastricht treaty criteria."

gun to question the logic of

The full euro debate will be started only today and is being carefully steered by the party manager. Professor Bieden-kopf will, however, be difficult to marginalise since he is, in a formal sense, the host of the conference - the 1,000 delegates are meeting in Leipzig. which is in Saxony.

With 50 weeks to go before the general election, the Chan-



Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, addresses the ruling Christian Democratic Union's annual party congress in Leipzig yesterday

forward. The party needed the stamina of a marathon runner; a sound, plodding pace with a strong final sprint; a clear sense of direction. Herr Kohl, in a speech that dwelt on his own contribution to German unity, indicated that he was the only person capable of the task.

He has made the euro an election issue - despite advice from President Herzog to keep it out of the firing line -

mans trust Herr Kohl on great historical decisions. That, at any rate, is the reasoning of his advisers and his opinion researchers, who believe that the euro, sold properly, can become a vote winner rather than a loser. But the key to this strategy is a consistent party line, and so Herr Rohl's news managers will be doing their utmost today to guide the

debate into safe waters. Herr Kohl's optimism about fectious. Delegates, clutching thick files of government achievements which they are supposed to peddle in their constituencies, seemed to come away feeling that victory was possible despite aimost a year of bad opinion polls. The Chancellor told them to ignore the pollsters and start campaigning now. "We have to get out there, on to the streets, and address people's fears and

worries, not wait for them to

The Chancellor convinced many delegates because it was plain that he believes his own

The economy is recovering. with signs that even domestic consumption is improving.

Herr Kohl has fought and
won each of his election campaigns since 1983 on the back of an economic recovery, and the 1998 one looks set to be part of the pattern. But so far in the conference

Christian Democrats are ready to confront the real problems of the nation. Some 40 per cent of east Germans, for example, now declare themselves dissanstied with democracy in Germany. Unemployment — at postwar by the Chancellor yesterday. but he offered no new solutions. This is Herr Kohi's weakest point - and the biggest single factor eroding

Prodi turns tough to rescue his coalition

Rome: After five days of crisis, Italy's centre-left Government yesterday appeared to be moving towards an agreement with its hardline Communist parliamentary allies which would enable it to stay in power (Richard Owen writes). Professor Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister. issued an ultimatum. the Communist Refoundation until the end of today to come to terms with the Government. He said the only alter-

parliament and elections. He took a tough line over conditions for a pact, saying he would accept only "minimal modifications" to his draft 1998 "budget for Europe".

Corriere della Sera noted that, since he tendered his resignation last week, Signor Prodi had emen steelier figure than the familiar benign, professorial figure. "At last Italy has found its



Prodi: an ultimatum to hardline Communists

Employers attack Jospin's plan for 35-hour week as 'idiotic'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH employers have The reduced work-week, the launched a blistering countercut the working week to just 35 hours, claiming this could wreck the economic and monetary union (EMU) project and accusing the Socialists of 'plotting" with the unions. On Friday, Lionel Jospin.

the Prime Minister, announced he would honour Socialist campaign pledges to cut the working week by four hours from 39 hours with no loss of pay by 2000, to the delight of his Communist allies and the unions and the fury of employers and opposition MPs.

This was a plot between the Government and the unions to put us on the sidelines," Jean Gandois, head of the CNFP employers' federation, said. adding that the move to cut working hours was "idiotic".

largest cut in hours since 1936 attack on government plans to and the first since 1982, would economy further out of step with Europe, the employers leader claimed. "What was done on Friday constitutes a very strong threat to the stability of the euro ... it could make the euro and Europe

fail," M Gandois said. Despite his attack, Gandois resigned as head of the employers' federation after members of the group criticised him for failing to take a M Jospin fired back at his

critics, accusing French bosses of lacking imagination. "I have to say that the employers came up with no new ideas on reducing unemployment by cutting working hours. They left me no choice," he said. With unemployment cur-

the move will eventually creweaken France by pushing its ate up to one million additional jobs without seriously affecting productivity or profworking week and kining additional staff- will get tax breaks and subsidies, and some Fr3 billion (£300 million) have been earmarked by the. Employment Ministry to finance the programme.

But the centre-right Opposition claimed that cutting the working week would be calamitous, a view shared by some of M. Jospin's more cautious Cabinet colleagues: Even Dominique Strauss-Kahn, M Jospin's Finance Minister, has called such a

move "economic suicide". There is not a single European country today using a reduction in working time as a

rently standing at 12.5 per means of bringing down un-cent, the Government claims employment," Nicolas Sarkozy, the Gaullist party spokeman said. He predicted that France would be made to pay for shorter working hours iob losses".

-Recent polls show that while most people support a shorter working week a majority believes it will not reduce unemployment. Unions hailed the cut in hours as a major victory and, in the words of the Communist-led CGT union. proof that unions can have their demands satisfied when they work together".

Nicole Notat, head of the large CFDT union, said the outcome of the jobs conference had made France "the locomotive of the movement for a shorter working week", a remark M Gandois treated with

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hirley Bassey, who celebrates her 60th birthday this year, is singing her heart out to audiences on a unique tour of concerts across the UK. And The Times has secured an exclusive allocation of seats at all her concerts next year.

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Fury as Netanyahu misses key debate

IN JERUSALEM

OPPOSITION Knesset members yesterday called for the resignation of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minis-ter, as the 120-seat parliament was recalled in sperial session to debate the backlash against last month's bungled Mossad murder bid against a Hamas leader in Jordan

The angry debate was held under special conditions— Dan Tichon, of the ruling Likud Party and the Knesset Speaker, had told all whips not to reveal secret material.

Mr Netanyahu, 47, Israel's first directly elected Prime Minister, who has already resisted calls for his resignation over the attempt to poison Khaled Meshaal, further upset the Opposition by scrap-ping his appearance to answer criticism.

In his place was a relative political nonentity, Michael Eitan, the recently appointed Science Minister. Ehud Barak, leader of the main opposi-tion Labour Party, accused the



Barak: said leader insulted parliament

Prime Minister of insulting parliament by his absence, while Haim Oron, of the left-wing Meretz Party, said Mr etanyahu was a "coward" afraid to face public debate over his part in the affair.

One leading Labour MP, Avraham Shohat, delighted opposition supporters by hold-ing up the latest edition of The cover photograph of Mr 'Israel's Serial Bungler".

Meshaal with a mystery poison was provided with the

release of nine more Arab

prisoners. The men, most of

them Jordanian citizens serv-

ing 30-year sentences for

charges such as possession of

weapons or explosives, were

Last week Mr Netanyahu

freed Sheikh Ahmed Yassin,

61, the founder of Hamus and

the first 20 of about 70 Arab

prisoners due to be released as

part of a deal with King Hussein of Jordan to free the

two would-be Israeli assassins

who were using forged Cana-

Yesterday in the West Bank City of Nabins about 4,000 Palestinians attended a rally

at the An Najah University

Israel said that later this

week the homes of three of the

five suicide-bambers, whose

Moshe Shahal, the former Labour Deputy Prime Minister, accused Mr Netanyahu of reflecting his disdain for the Knesset by refusing to attend. opposition members placed separate petitions call-ing for Mr Netanyahu's resig-

nation on his empty desk.

Mr Eitan struggled against opposition heckling to put the Government's case, which is now under investigation by a three-man committee meeting in camera. He accused the Left of trying to overturn the will of the voters by demanding the removal of Mr Netanyahu, who in the latest opinion polltaken after the attempted murder on September 25, had actually improved his stand-ing so that he was running neck-and-neck with Mr

recent attacks killed 21 Israelis Even as the heated exin Jerusalem, will be destroyed and the fourth sealed up to make it uninhabitable. changes were under way, fur-ther hard evidence of the high price Israel has had to pay for its failed attempt to kill Mr The fifth bomber has yet to be

Algerian rebels slit throats of 43 on bus

Algiers: Suspected Islamic militants killed 43 bus passengers, most of them young people, on a coach which stopped at a roadblock near Sig. 180 miles west of here, it was reported yesterday.

All the victims had their throats cut. Fifteen other people were severely wounded and were taken to hospital in

The incident occurred on Sunday night and was the biggest single killing of civilians in the Oran region since the outbreak of the Islamic insurgency in 1992. Suspected Muslim extrem-

ists were reported to have massacred 26 Algerian civilians earlier in the day, many of them at a hamlet near the birthplace of Antar Zouabri, leader of the extremist Armed Islamic Group.

Fourteen members of two families, mustly women, were attacked at Haouche Souidani in the Mitidja farming plain south of Algiers. Newspapers said the sole surviving villager was a 14-year-old boy, who was absent when the hamlet came under attack. (AFP)



Korean leader's son jailed for bribes

FROM JENNIFER VEALE IN SEOUL

ANOTHER senior South Korean was convicted of corruption yesterday. Kim Hyun Chul, 38, the son of President Kim Young Sam, was sentenced to three years in jail and fined 1.44 billion won (£942,000) for bribery and tax evasion

The conviction is a major blow to the President, who was elected in 1992 on an anti-corruption platform but has been rendered largely ineffectual by the controversy surrounding his son.

Kim Hyun Chui was charged with receiving 6.6. billion won from six businessmen. Prosecutors said more than 3 billion won were kickbacks and the rest donations. He failed to pay tax on some of them.

President Kim swept to office vowing to root out corruption, but despite jailing two former presi-

Shrinks gripped by anxiety crisis in feelgood New York

From Tunku Varadarajan in new york

WEALTHY and neurotic and sceptical its civic pos-New Yorkers are abandoning their psychoanalysts in droves, threatening their city's long standing reputation as the world's "shrink capital".

According to this week's New York magazine, city couches have never been as empty. So acute is the crisis that many consultants are taking early retirement. According to recent studies, therapists have this year suffered an 11,000-hour drop in

nation therapy hours. Other figures make equally depressing reading for the profession: in 1985 the average New York practitioner was seeing three patients three times a week; in 1997, by contrast, the average analyst has only one three-times aweek patient.

As the magazine says, the. days of Alvy Singer, the archetypal neurotic New Yorker from Woody Allen's Annie Hall, appear to be well and truly over. In the film Singer, played by Allen, says of his longish innings on the

couch: "It's been 15 years since I began. I'm gonna give it one more year, and then I'm goin' to Lourdes." A Singer of today would not dream of wasting his money that way; actuaries have pu

annie Hall bills at more than \$150,000 (£93,000). There are a number of easons for the transformation. First, New York itself has changed. It is more pragmatic

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tures more robust and rightwing than in the liberal hothquise of the past.

According to Edgar Leven-son of the William Alanson White Institute on the Upper West Side, one of the world's premier centres for psychoanalytic training "psychoanaly-sis, has dropped out of the general culture". He adds that "a lot of Freud's findings have gone out - nobody believes in penis envy or castration anxiety any more".

There are non-intellectual Yorkers who might have Prozac or Zoloft.

The emergence of "managed care" has also played a part. Under this medical systhirds of New Yorkers - a health organisation gets a budget to look after a set number of patients. Budget managers have cut drastically patients' psychoanalyst visits.

There is, however, another powerful theory for the shrinks' demise; perhaps New Yorkers are just feeling better about themselves.

Elizabeth Warburton, a Londoner living in the city. said: "I have friends here who have never been happier. The streets are safe and clean. There is money to be made. There are so many more choices available. Why on earth would any of them ever want to go to a shrink?"

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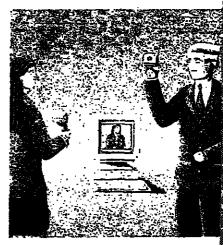
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T've no secrets. I wear my fat on my sleeve'

Television host Vanessa Feltz doesn't try to hide her size. Interview by Lulu Appleton

round the time most people are leaving for work. Vanessa up for hours. The blonde pageboy is still intact, but the glittery evening dress, part of her Jewish Princess image for her spot on The Big Breakfast, has been swapped for a beauti-fully cut, pale coffee-colour mouser suit, worn with exqui-

site, pointy-toed high heels. Big Breakfast presenters are on", and Vanessa is no exception, beefing up her frenetic interviewing style with a smattering of stock-in-trade sexual innuendo. Off-screen, she is prettier, much softer, and a little sad. "This is not a good time for me." she says simply. "It's nearly two years to the day since my mother died and She was only 57 and had cancer. She made a staggeringly good recovery and then

ied in about seven weeks flat. "We lived round the corner

from each other and I used to speak to her three times a day if there was nothing to say and up to 12 times a day if there was something to talk about. I saw her four times a week, and although I didn't necessarily agree or listen. I referred and deferred to her over everything."

These statements only hint at the complexity of the relationship between Vanessa and the woman who - literally shaped her life. At 35, Feltz, a Cambridge graduate, may seem to have it all - married for 13 years to Michael. a Jewish doctor, with two daughters. Allegra, II. and Saskia, 8, and a successful career as a columnist and TV presenter. But her size appears as a constant leitmotiv. She was once even asked by a reporter if she had become fat gap in the market.

My mother was hugely critical, and the antithesis of what Jewish mothers are supposed to be. I reached puberty



incredibly young and had proper bosoms at ten years old. I could feel her panic. She measured my hips when I was eight - 34in! She told me never to let them get any bigger, they must never get any bigger! She said 'Don't eat, don't eat'. She used to watch me like a hawk and I think she was rather appalled at the way I turned out.

When your mother keeps telling you not to eat this and that, it stirs up in you a nestly don't think I had to different diets and there was a lock on the biscuit cupboard. I used to feel starved most of the time. If I was let out of the

was like being out on parole.
"What I think today is that

my mother had an eating problem and, basically, she gave it to me. She was always fatter than she wanted to be, and she believed that had she been thinner, her life would have been better. She detected in me what she thought was the potential to become fat, and so she gave me very little

When I went to Camwanted for the first time in my life, so I did. You could say. with my intelligence, why didn't I stop myself from

house and had 10p in my getting fat, but I just didn't.
pocket, I'd buy a Creme Egg. It "I also know that it's pretty

lame to blame my mother after all these years, but it is an explanation of sorts. She was a highly intelligent, well-read woman and ought to have thought a little beyond 'Don't eat, don't eat". I was a size 12 when I married, and today I'm not eating as much as I used to, but I don't really know why the hell I am eating.

"Maybe it's a legacy of the rears when I had two little children and my husband was working long hours, and I -would be sitting up at night trying to write. I'd start with a rollicking first paragraph and then the momentum would sink. I'd get up and walk to the fridge, taste a few things, eat a biscuit while strolling, which doesn't count, take another upstairs to eat while I was ictually working, and by the time I'd done all that, I had thought what to put in the

"it's terribly sad because, as everyone probably knows, the crutch you use to kill the pain becomes the thing that causes the pain, and you eat because you're sad, then you're sad because you're fat, then you eat because you're sad you are fat and you get fatter and

Vanessa says her parents always wanted her to do something more serious. "I am not the embodiment of my parents' dreams, and I managed to upset them on an almost daily basis, with my book, with my writing, with my show. I think they believed it was sheer wilfulness that made me write something funny about matzo instead of inner-city decay, and thought it was pretty ludicrous. Everything I did subsequently was never quite what they would have liked; they would have preferred me to turn out like Doris Lessing, or someone intellectual, which is really tantamount to saying they would really have liked me to

on herself, and streets ahead of other people. She has to cancel our hunch, but is sharp enough to observe: "I suppose you need to see me eat?" Is it conceivable that her personality is persuasive enough to make viewers forget, perhaps not even notice, her size? Her response is blunt "When you are fat, you wear your fat on your sleeve, inside your sleeve, on your waistline, on your burn. You don't have to confess to having a secret because everyone can see it. I'm used to it. I know what I look like. I spend hours in front of a mirror having my make-up done for telly so it's not a question of learning to accept it. When you are inside the body you don't dissect a part of yourself and say The brain bit is me and the body bit isn't' this is all me and I've no alternative "

Her new television series, Vanessa's Day With ... begins tonight in it, she spends a night and a day with a celebrity plundering their un-derwear drawers for their deepest secrets. In fact, she heeins with an interview with Boy George that is surprisingly low-key - with some pre-

dictable, self-deprecating psyaspect of her life, she seems utterly driven: "Until you're cho-babble about how he has given up debauchery since he established, you have to prove yourself endlessly," she adbecame a recovering addict. The rest of the programme consists of make-up tips - and mits, and I gave everything the real star of the show is his difference today is that I know

She insists th

own idea, and to

Ruby Wax, she says: The show is not like Ruby Wax.

- she always does a big schuck about

how people interact

with Ruby — my

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me, or how I feel

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lutely not." She has

unerringly tapped

rationale that puts the viewer

outside the window looking in.

offering glimpses of a world

they might otherwise never

see. She already has her own

talk show, Vanessa, on ITV,

and during the summer months Watchdog. Value for Money on BBCl. her morning

slot on The Big Breakfast on

Channel 4 and now this new

The extraordinary thing

series on Channel 5.

'Mother : being recognised at Brent Cross, and measured anyone who says: differently is lying. my hips But I grew up riage was the most I balg nit! one ob

was eight and marry young fautastic When you have a husband and kids who

into the really love you, it means that everything else you do isn't "My life is quite tough. I'm trying to be the best I can - a

really nice mother who is there a lot so my children don't feel they're being rushed in and out of my life, 'honoured' to have an audience with me. I'm trying to be a good wife who is supportive, not obsessed with herself, and can give something to her husband: a good

"I'm trying to be a decent person, with a real life, not someone one-dimensional. I would have great respect for anyone reading this who says Why the hell doesn't she just what I can do, who stop it? She's 35, she's grown up, why on earth is she whingeing about what her mother did years ago? Why t am. Its brilliant doesn't she join a gym, walk instead of going in the car, lose some weight? I would say you are absolutely right and I

agree with you, but somehow if Sitist teo difficult and I don't know why: I can't explain it. but it feels impossible. "Allegra is going on a school trip this weekend and I told her she had no permission to grow up and do that sort of thing and leave me behind, that's not what I had in mind, for God's sake. What do I want for my children? I want them to he married and live round the corner. No, I want them to live in the same house up-

want them to find utter fulfilment in Finchiey. ◆ Vanessa's Day With ... is on Channel 5 on Tuesdays at 8pm

stairs. I don't want them to move to Bogota, or even

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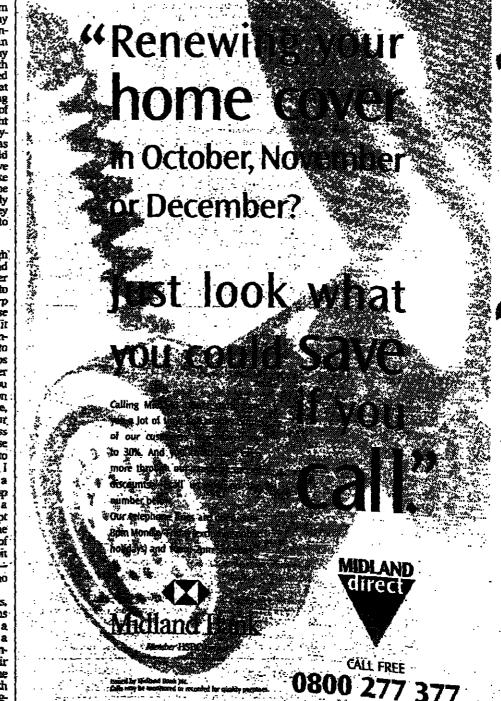
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'The Booker Prize stole my summer

As one of five judges of Britain's premier literary prize, Jason Cowley had to postpone his wedding, stop writing his own novel and put his life on hold for almost a year

Wapping London: January 1, 1997 Returning to the office after Christmas. I find a letter on my desk. It is from Martyn Goff, administrator of the Booker Prize, and is to change my life so radically that there are moments in the coming months when I wish I'd never opened it. For I'm being invited to be one of five judges on the 1997 Booker Prize. I am astounded and alarmed. I have only recently joined The Times, and on Christmas Day l asked my girlfriend to marry me. How will I possibly find the time to read the 100-plus novels that are entered for the prize, as well as doing my job properly and getting married?

Manchester: January 4 Walking with my girlfriend past the bomb-shattered shell of the Arndale Centre in Manchester. I casually pass her the "Booker Prize!" she says. Why have they asked you?"

lt's a reasonable question. As a literary journalist and aspiring novelist, I had perhaps one day hoped to be a judge. But not yet, not this year.

wake early, We walk in unexhausted, easy silence across St Ann's Square in to read the dying light of a winter afternoon.

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read. I

ents, we agree to postpone the wedding until next year. Then something occurs to me and I almost drop my glass: I have altered my wedding plans before seeking permission from The Times to be a judge.

Wapping: January 7 My telephone rings. It is a summons from the features editor. I feel like a condemned man. But it's good news: Peter. Stothard, the Editor, has agreed to my being a judge. I the reading begin.

Cheltenham: March 12

More than two months have passed and I have not yet received any books. Surely this is some kind of macabre joke? I'd hoped to use this week in Cheltenham to catch up on my reading. Instead, I go every day to the races; there are few better events in sport than the Cheltenham Festival.

Weeks have been spent grimly scrambling around for proof copies of possible entries. What if I'm reading the wrong books? Each publisher enters two novels, and any previous winner or shortlisted author in the past decade. The trouble is many publishers delay making submissions until after their books are re-

though, when Barna Boy, on whom I have £20, wins the last race of the festival at 16-1.

Savile Club, London: March 19

I meet my fellow judges for the first time at an elegant lunch hosted by Martyn Goff. They are Professor Gillian Beer, the writer Dan Jacobson, the novelist Lady Rachel Billington and the Independent on Sunday literary editor Jan Dalley. The early conversation is reserved and wary; there is much sympathy for Graham Swift, whose Last Orders won

the 1996 Booker Prize. John

Frow, an Australian critic,

unfairly accused Swift of pla-

giarism, highlighting similar-

Savile Club: September 15

matter between Last Orders and As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner.

I leave the lunch thinking that we are a peculiarly unbal-anced panel; there was too much of an establishment feel about our discussion, a sense of literary insiderness. I hope we don't end up producing the kind of worthy shortlist that resembles a British Council writers tour.

Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire: March 24 I arrive home to find that, at last, the first box of books has arrived, I open it in a rapture of discovery. Two hours later I feel defeated by the banality of what I have been reading, a thin autobiography posing as fiction. I fear what lies ahead.

London: April 21 At a party, I am approached

by the novelist Joseph Connolwhose novel or Souls is published by Faber Resembling Karl Marx in an Armani suit, he is suspiciously friendly. Shortly afterwards, a postcard from Amanda Craig, bafflingly thanking me for a piece I wrote about her

more than six months ago. Of Later, sipping months ago. Of champagne with Sarah's par-course: her novel, A Vicious Circle, is eligible. The Prix Goncourt, the premier literary award in France. is famously beholden to cliques and insiders. So I

brace myself for a summer of backhanders, bribes, exotic dinners, girls, champagne. But no, nothing happens. The Booker, I can report, is gloriously free from corruption

Royal Overseas League, Piccadilly: July !

Boxes of books are arriving, rate. I sit in my study in the shadow of toppling towers of unread books. I haven't written a word of my novel for months. Wherever I go I am asked about the Booker. Even when I play cricket there is no release; I cannot help thinking that I should be elsewhere -

I do nothing but read. I wake early, exhausted, to read. Why am I exhausted? Well, because I stayed up late the previous evening reading. The long days of summer are lost to me now. I have a powerful sense of life being. elsewhere. I am becoming a Rooker Bore.

So it's with irritability that I arrive for our latest meeting. Reassuringly, none of us feels we have read enough. Yet we begin discarding the unani-mously loathed. We are merciless, ruthless, brutal, Books, that have taken years to write and hours to read are dispatched in minutes.

The real battle, though, lies ahead. We fight most for the books we like.

This is our fourth and most important meeting: from 16 titles we must choose six. Debate is fierce but goodhumoured. There is scarcely any consensus. Judges glower and fret as favoured titles slip out of contention. Yet, after four hours, we are no closer to agreeing a shortlist. This is troubling the list is to be announced live on Radio 4's arts programme, Kaleidoscope, in less than an hour.

Exasperated, we stumble on an impromptu marking system, evaluating books in the manner of ice-skaters. The first round of this farrage is inconclusive, although frontrunners are emerging. Under the eye of the clock, we vote again. The second round almost produces a shortlist yet lan McEwan, much admired by certain judges, is not

to seep into people s voices. I am I am left left with a powerful feeling of bad faith with a and say so. Yet I should be at powerful ease: the three novels I most like are feeling of through. The meeting is close to descending into farce.

the judges since 1970, imperiously intervenes: "I think you have your list." Gillian and I are hurried into a taxi, and told to spread the word about our shortlist: Jim Crace. Quarantine; Mick Jackson, The Underground Man; Bernard Mac Laverty, Grace Notes: Tim Parks, Europa; Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things and Madeleine St. John, The Es-

bility is beginning

Then Goff who

has presided over

every meeting of

sence of the Thing. I arrive home at midnight, exhausted after a round of media interviews.

Gerani, Crete: September 29 Lying by a swimming pool under an unforgiving sun. I

am amused compelled and perplexed to read of the annual trashing of the shortlist. No one seems to like it. One critic. Peter Kemp in The Sunday Times, even calls it "laughable. I receive personal abuse, too. The Independent's books diarist, the Literator (I know who this is, but shan't say), calls me the "lightweight" on the panel, claiming to have spotted me at a party

on it. There is dismay, irritafeigning literary of the three youngest judges in the history of the prize (I am 31). I make no claim to heavy-weight status. Still, I make a note to swallow a mouthful of helium on the bad faith night of the award dinner. and say so Elsewhere, Cath-

erine Lockerbie of The Scotsman, a humourless nationalist, blames me for the exclusion of The Untouchable by John Banville. "Cowley cannot grapple with art at the deepest level," she says, commenting on a mildly critical review l wrote of Banville. Chuckling, I order another cold beer. delighted that I am, for the moment, a long way from literary London.

Sawbridgeworth: October 13 It's the eve of the Booker Prize dinner, and I am at home rereading the shortlist. Tomorrow we meet at Guildhall to select our winner. It is a profound responsibility: win-

often become millionaires. There is Hollywood interest too. I have a favourite, but what if my fellow judges conspire against it? Can I submit to the discipline of collective responsibility, or will I, as have previous judges A. N. Wilson and Rabbi Julia Neuberger, break petulant

People often ask if I've enjoyed being a judge. Well, there are clearly too many entries, 106 this year. This voracious inclusiveness must seem like a good idea; and every judge hopes to find their own Lord of the Flies. But to retain credibility and the calibre of judging, Booker must

Yet reading so many novels is valuable because it tells you so much about contemporary literary culture: its wariness of the present, its narrowness of vision and fatigue, its suspicion of originality.
What I'll remember most

though, is not the slow grind vilification of the shortlist or the time wasted reading books I loathed. It's the small things: the moving sense of camaraderie among the panel, the passion of argument and, absurdly, the moment when my chair suddenly-collapsed as we were poised to agree on the shortlist. After so much dreamy debate it was somehow salutary to be returned to earth with a resounding thud. Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of my life.

ning authors are guaranteed an enthusiatic readership and

Previous winners include back row from left William Golding, Pat Barker, Graham Swift and Salman Rushdie; front row from left Anita Brookner, Iris Murdoch and A.S. Byatt





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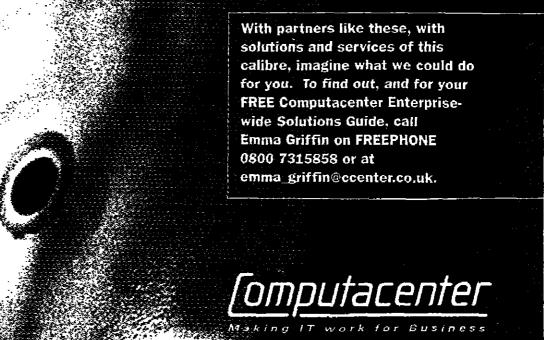
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Don't be too vague, Mr Hague

Tories must be firm on family values, says Malcolm Rifkind

t is right for the Tory party to learn from the lessons of its defeat and to present itself to the public in a tone, and with a language, that will help its revival. It is also common sense to reach out to individuals and groups who, in the past, have felt unable to identify with Conservatism; in take great care not to forsake principle in the pursuit of popularity, nor weaken funda-mental values that may, temporarily, be out of fashion.

Most of what has been said over the past week is a breath of fresh air. There is, for example, urgent need for more Asians and blacks to participate in public life and in positions of responsibility in Parliament, in the Armed Forces and in the Civil Service.

During my time in Govern-ment I saw no evidence of deliberate discrimination in senior appointments in the Army or the Diplomatic Service. The problem was that relatively few members of the ethnic minorities had chosen these professions and those who had were still in the early stages of their careers. However, there remains a serious problem. The Tory party should champion an urgent recruitment drive and practise what it preaches when selecting councillors and parliamentary candidates.

I welcome, also, the new tone on single mothers. In the past we have given the impression that all single parents have chosen their lifestyle. The reality is quite different. Many are widows or wives who have been deserted by their spouses. Despite this, we often used language that implied that their circumstances were their own fault and that they should not look to the State or to the community for help.

Great damage was also done by the response to Margaret Thatcher's memorable remark that there is no such were taken out of context and disgracefully misrepresented but the public sensed, perhaps correctly, that the Tory party had become excessively individualistic and was ignoring the social obligations that we all have to disadvantaged members of the community.

So I have no difficulty with a new tolerant Tory party. But tolerance and compassion are not a substitute for policy: they do not remove the need for political parties to have a clear position on important social issues and for that policy to be based on enduring principles. For the Conservatives, the family has always been fundamental. A family of father. mother and children must always be the most appropriate basis for society. It provides the best prospect for the love, stability and security that is essential for children's upbringing. These qualities are sometimes present where the parents are unmarried, or where there is only a single parent, but the risks are much greater and the prospect of

success is diminished. A commitment to the traditional family does not imply intolerance towards those who reject such values. Parliament cannot legislate to require people to marry, or to be heterosexual. But tolerance should not be confused with support for the strident campaign for gays, lesbians and other pressure groups to remove every legal and other distinction between heterosex-ual and homosexual relationships and between the married and the unmarried.

There are real questions of public policy which can be decided only by Parliament and on which the Tory party needs to have a principled position. For example, should lesbian and gay partners be allowed to adopt children? Should a lesbian or gay partner have the same pension rights as a spouse? Should the law be changed to provide for a marriage ceremony between gays or lesbians? Should the Armed Forces, if they allow homosexual soldiers, be obliged to provide married quarters for gay or lesbian partners? I firmly believe that the party should side with those who oppose such proposals. In a courteous but firm way, we should take a stand

Comparable questions arise with heterosexual relationships when the partners are unmarried. For example, if tax allowances, pensions or immigration rights are made available only to married partners. avoidance of fraud is straightforward because a marriage certificate is available to prove status. But it is often difficult to establish the distinction between a long-term stable relationship of unmarried partners and a casual union set up for fraudulent purposes.

based on principle.

These considerations are not incidental or accidental. Marriage has been a feature of every civilised society and is the basis by which social relationships have been recognised and respected. Ignore marriage and it is not just morality that suffers. Social cohesion is sun-

of public policy and the Tory party must not be embarrassed to proclaim them. They represent the values of millions of men and women throughout Britain. They are matters on which Parliament has to take a view.

By all means let us be tolerant and compassionate. Each person must be able to decide their own lifestyle but there is such a thing as society. If extreme individualism is inadequate in these post-Thatcher years, then that implies responsibilities as well as rights. It also implies that society is entitled to declare those values which it wishes to encourage, and to give preference to marriage and to heterosexuality as the most suitable basis for social stability and the upbringing of

future generations.

The Tory party has always prospered because it has remained constant to certain principles and values. The traditional family is one of the most important and William Hague is right to give it his resounding personal commit-ment. The family needs our support more than ever - not only by word, but also by deed.

Sir Malcolm Rifkind was Defence Secretary 1992-95, and Foreign Secretary 1995-97.



"I'M ONLY BEING INCLUSIVE

When the great wind blew

Ten years ago this week the great wind blew. At 110 miles an hour, it swept across the Southern Counties, humbling our smugness and flattening our certainties. Some thought the South made too much fuss: such near-hurricanes are not unknown in the far north of these islands, where stone houses crouch low and solid in a rocky, treeless landscape.

But this wind tore through the cosy, affluent heartland of the Home Counties: John Betjeman country, where telephone wires sag comfort-ably between the branches along leafy lanes, and immemorial oaks tower over pantiled roofs. It blew through towns cluttered with wonky billboards and decrepit chimneys. with cars parked under them without a second thought. It became a billionpound liability, and it shocked us

rigid.
The expression "act of God" suddenly, in the full flight of a Godless materialistic decade, took on real and awful meaning. Solid practical unsentimental people wept for trees. Down the road from us, the story went that an elderly aristocratic widow died of shock when she looked out at her parkland on that wild morning. Others sold their houses within the year, unable any longer to love them without their trees. One couple divorced; probably they would have anyway, but there was in those eerily sunny weeks after the hurricane a dangerously unsettling sense that nothing could ever be the same again. Our four-year-old wept for the beech tree in the garden, because we had told him it was 150 years old. Its fall made him abruptly and cruelly aware of the concept of centuries. Unaided, he saw with horror that he and everybody he knew would be dead before it grew again. Our own shock was that the tree had crushed a brick shed to powder only 10ft from the children's beds under the eaves.

We spent nine days without power and 11 days without telephone (the newly privatised Telecom dazzled us by fixing it on the first day, but then a damaged poplar tree crashed through the wire, despite eight neighbours hanging on a rope and trying to pull it into the onion bed instead). In the early, incredulous moments of that morning, dodging flying pantiles and staring at the hissing, sparking power cables which writhed among the dry leaves, the veneer of civilisation had never seemed so thin. But then nor had human beings Ten years ago we coped heroically with

natural disaster - today we would

probably summon the stress counsellors

ever seemed to indomitable. At midmorning, while the local radio station was still excitably warning citizens to stay at home in a hard hat and put sandbags round the elderly, our 78-year-old neighbour was spotted up a ladder, hammering tiles back onto his cottage root, standing no

Altogether, looking back a decade on at diaries and notes where private and national memories tangle together, it is irresistible to ask what the big wind taught us. The England that the hurricane hit worst was in a curious condition. Three months earlier,

had won an historic third term in office. The word "triumphalist" did not begin to cover the mood of her party. Privatisation continued apace, the unions had slumped into a defeated depression, and property

prices in the South were soaring beyond reason, driven by a sense of financial invincibility. We, living in an averagely pleasant Suffolk farmhouse, had estate agents' leaflets through the box every week pleading on behalf of "cash clients" (18 months later, on the far side of Nigel Lawson. it took us two years to sell it at a third less than their 1987 valuation). The word "yuppie" was newly minted, and millions watched Howards Way, in which feisty entrepreneurs in designer clothing were forever setting up businesses and watching them go public and multinational within

three episodes. When the wind blew, there was a sense of outrage. Much energy was wasted on blaming the Met Office, although it did clearly forecast strong gales. The outrage was tempered by a certain pride: the concept of citizens as "clients" protected by "charters" had not yet been invented, and the idea of the dignity of manual work had been thoroughly kicked about by Mrs Thatcher's regime. But when the chips were down, the dedication and energy of workmen of all kinds and emergency services took us back to an earlier, almost wartime spirit. The London Fire Brigade answered 6,000 emergency calls in 24 hours, rail gangs moved at remarkable speed to restore all the lines cut by the gale (there were no railways running south of Peterborough). Builders knocked themselves out making houses safe, and operated a "greatest need first" policy, annoying wealthier householders by doing the small cottages first on the ground that they had fewer usable rooms. The electricity boards called in help from as far afield as Co Cork. On our ninth day

of living by the light of hurricane lamps and combing the county for ever scarcer paraffin supplies, a lost tribe of electricians from Wales turned up, unshaven and exhausted in a filthy van, and restored the light by spending 20 minutes up a pylon singing

Bread of Heaven Teleworkers, newly invented, suddenly realised the limitations of their new lives. Many of us, incredibly. were just onto our first word processors, from that Eighties whizz-kid Alan Michael Sugar, of Amstrad. So electrically dependent had I become in two short years that in order to continue working I had to raid the Christmas present store and adopt a Junior Elite toy typewriter. It was hell. Nor did many people yet have mobile phones: for a fortnight I conducted my professional life by

bicycling to the nearest town. Whether it was the modern or the microwave you missed, there was a general sense that control and convenience were snatched from us just as they had reached a new peak. It was an age of control, indeed, and where the 15 million lost trees were concerned many snatched it back too roughly. Park keepers, foresters and volunteers bossily cleared up: today, many regret it. Woodlands where the bulldozers came in and trees were replanted have done less well: the the planted trees grew slowly. Where the old roots and shattered branches were left to lie chaotically on the ground, nature vigorously restored herself. The old trunks grew fungilichens and mosses, feeding insects and small birds. New trees rapidly established themselves in the free established themselves in the free. loosened aerated soil. In the boating lake at Thorpeness, in Suffolk, there is a uny island, no more than a roothall, which I have loved since childhood. That night it blew right over. They took the trunk away and left a hideous lump. Today that lump is a new and lovelier island, with its own triumphant tree.

onservationists now praise the hurricane. Industrial forestry suffered, but so do all industries from time to time Insurers lost hundreds of millions, aggravating the collapses at Lloyd's; on the other hand the behaviour of major insurance companies was so rapid and graceful even at their moment of severest loss that I suspect if brought new trade. Several people have said to me since that they now pay premiums with better grace because of the response in that awful first week of leaking roofs and shattered cars.

Memories crowd in the surreal sight of big boats thrown hundreds of yards from the river onto the marsh; the procession of neighbours with towels who discovered that we still had an archaic solid fuel boiler, the extraordinary, febrile trade in knocked-off tiles which met the sudden scarcity. One vet in Norfolk neutered cats for ten pantiles a time. I remember, too, the gap of understanding between city and country. While 250,000 homes were still without power, the London media was leading on stock exchange hysterics, the defection of Fiji from the Commonwealth, and Nancy Reagan's breasts (no. I can't remember either). Newsreaders said "Britain is getting back to normal" while farmers still searched for livestock which had panicked and run for miles.

It is tempting to say that the great gale taught us lessons, but there is not much evidence. If it happened today the main difference would be that builders would be far scarcer because apprenticeship has collapsed so much; and that some damn fool would have turned up on day two, not with parallin or panules, but with an offer of post-traumatic counselling.

Battering of the innocents William Sieghart

on his family's

Roman nightmare

ike many football-lovers who have been following England's progress through their World Cup qualifying group, the thought of a weekend in Rome to watch the denouement seemed too enticing to resist. Rome has more than enough attractions for the cultural tourist. but a visit to the spectacular Olympic Stadium as well seemed the perfect weekend proposition. Tickets were easy to come by through a London agency, so on Sanirday with my wife, and a merchant banking friend and his eight-year-old son we headed to Rome full of anticipation. Little were

we to know what was waiting for us. Our scheduled flight was met by an armoured personnel carrier and line upon line of heavily armed police. Many English fans were corralled there and then and transported directly to the ground. As we threaded our way into town past Rome's monuments, ranks of riot police were stationed on every corner. Having settled in to our Roman hotel we headed for the tram station for our 20-minute ride to the stadium. We were met by baton-wielding plainclothes police who unceremoniously bundled us on to our tram. Already supporters began telling us of terrify-ing experiences they had suffered in the middle of Rome that day. Wher-ever groups of supporters had met before the game it seemed they were harassed and beaten by teams of helmeted carabiniers.

At the stadium we met the majority of English supporters who had been waiting - some two hours - for access to the ground and had been put through three body-searches. We waited as the precious pre-match minutes ticked away. Meanwhile, 75,000 or so Italian fans entered the stadium unsearched and found their

With less than five minutes to go before kick-off, thousands of us were still being denied entry and being forced through a further body-search by a group of a dozen policemen who removed coms, matches and belts from us all. One of the English supporters resisted when he saw confiscated belongings being strewn outside the stadium, claiming that his belt was a £150 Armani luxury item that he didn't want damaged. A policeman then pushed two gloved pers into his eyes, while another hit him over the head with his wooden truncheon. He was led away. blood streaming from a split scaip. Not surprisingly, this enraged the waiting supporters, who were also worried that they would be missing precious moments of the match they had travelled so many miles to see. They surged forward, only to be met by vicious blows from batons. Not for the last time that evening we wondered whether we were in the right place.

Eventually we were all allowed to go to our seats some time after the first half had begun. Almost immediately a hail of bottles, coins and seats from the Italian supporters' stand next to us started to land on us. The Italian police, with their backs to their supporters, simply stood there and smiled. At this point the only blot on British behaviour appeared, as a few supporters who had been hit by the missiles began throwing them back. Immediately a line of Italian police launched into a terrifyingly ferocious and indiscriminate assault on us. My friend scooped up his child and, helped by other fans, we moved as far away as we could to escape the rain of batons. A 70-year-old man received three blows to the head. A blow aimed at a seven-year-old boymiraculeusly missed him by millimetres.

t was the kind of approach to crowd control that I had witnessed on the streets of Jakarta. Not what I would have expected of a democratic. European partner. When the match was over we were not allowed to leave our stand. Over two hours later the first of us were at last let out to walk the many miles back to our hotel - but not without further police charges as we left the stadium itself. Some unluckier fans were held until after 3am and were again assaulted, when they begged to be allowed to leave. Many had not eaten or been allowed to visit the lavatory

for more than nine hours. As we left Rome last night, the airport was filled with battered fans sharing horror stories. Neither the beauty of Rome nor the resulting qualification of our team held any consolation. For me, this was an experience unmarched in years of travelling to some of the most

dangerous countries in the world.

While I am aware that the past record of English football supporters abroad has not been anything to be proud of, this treatment of our : citizens by a fellow European partner should provoke outrage. None of the policemen seemed to have any numbered identification, nor was there any way for those innocent people who suffered injury to voice their complaints.

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. We know that there is a hard core of English supporters whose sole purpose is to cause trouble abroad. But why should the vast majority of well-intentioned men: women and children who like to follow our team abroad have to be abused so horrifyingly like this? Do football supporters not have human rights too?

Cook's tour

SECURITY fears are mounting over the domestic arrangements of the Foreign Secretary. After the separation from his wife earlier this year, Robin Cook has been observed house-hunting with his aide and companion, Gaynor Regan, in Edinburgh's bohemian New Town. But his search has not proved fruitful. I

understand that he has just been gazumped on a flat in Great King Street, which went for £160,000, having been on the market for just

In the meantime, when he ventures north he has had to stay



"Yes it's a donkey jacket —

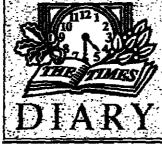
in the 17th-century converted mill (so new Labour) he shared with his now estranged wife, Margaret, in the district of Clermiston. Now the security services are growing concerned. Jim Divine, Cook's constituency agent during the general election, tells me: "He still has not found a place. There is real concern about security. We have had discussions with Special Branch. He has been doing what he has

always done when he comes up for

constituency business." This, however, is not something that he can do for ever.

Hogg tied Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone is refusing to read a forthcoming biography charting his rise to the foothills of political greatness. The good lord, who turned 90 last week, is not pleased about the new

study by Geoffrey Lewis. One can see why. A description of his days at Eton characterises



him as a "loud, obstreperous and aggressive" pupil. "A picture of a thoroughly nasty schoolboy emerges: small, assertive, bumptious," says Mr Lewis. "He was a perfectly beastly boy."

But Hailsham, whom I caught at his fourth birthday party of the week at Westminster, has seen enough trouble not to take offence. "I think it is very important not to read books about oneself," he says tactfully. They can only bring embarrassment," Indeed.

● IN a politically correct age, the policemen in Downing Street retain traditional attitudes. A lawyer friend of the Prime Minister's wife called round the other day saying he had come to visit Cherie Booth. Blank looks from the attending bobbies. The lawyer, a right-on sort, refused to say that he wanted to visit "Mrs Blair". He

vas sent away and returned to his chambers, from where he received a telephone call from Ms Booth who apologised for the policeman. dation and passages.

Banks offside

HE might be a bit coarse, I grant you, but I reckon Tony Banks would be a rather amusing dinner companion. Unfortunately Rachel Heyhoe Flint, once a muscular hiter with the England women's cricket team, thinks otherwise.

The much-quoted minister was due to attend a Night of Sporting Legends dinner in Birmingham, but Ms Heyhoe Flint and other "celebrity" guests wrote saying that they would withdraw from the dinner if Banks attended.

"What put the lid on it was his remark about Zola and how he would be cheering for him if he scored for Italy," says a buffer organising the dinner, "We also didn't know if he would be Sports Minister by the time of the dinner at his present progress."

◆ DISASTER has yet to dampen spirits on the erupting island of Montserrat. Its Government is advertising here for an economic adviser. The successful candidate will be a "seasoned economist", who will be able to provide "strategic input into public finance within a

small island econmy. And the reward for salvaging the island's fi-nancial situation? Free accommo-

In the frame

THAT sacred hobby of the ruling classes - dabbling with watercolours - still impresses art dealers in Mayfair, where four generations of the Northbourne family - big brushes in Kent - are preparing to tout their amusingly personal paintings.

The exhibition, at Thompson's

Gallery in Dover Street, will include work by an earlier baron. Walter James - who at least had the distinction of studying at art school — as well as offerings from the thinnish portfolio of 31-year-old Sebastian James, who has had

some success in the City. The show will be opened by the delightful John Ward, who has resigned from the Royal Academy after a row with the president. " got to know the 5th Baron after the war." he says. "He was a very keen painter. I'm so glad he's showing at Thompson's — being hung at the privilege these days."

MATTHEW Bannister, the BBC's Controller of Radio, has not always raved about bubbly Zoe



Zoe Ball: kids' smff

Ball, new presenter of Radio One's Breakfast Show I gather that after "anarchic" (read: dim) Chris Evans flounced out of Broadcasting House, Bannister was withering about Ball. "We can't have her on the Breakfast Show - she is a bloody kids TV presenter," he declared, before choosing Mark Radcliffe and his sidekick "Lard". Royal Academy is a very dubious. After that failure, he has placed his deputy. Andy Parfitt, in direct charge of the programme — not, I trust, to absorb the resulting flak.

JASPER GERARD

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Lessons that must be acted on before next year's World Cup

The Italian policing of Saturday's World Cup qualifying match in Rome was a model of how not to proceed. The indiscriminate bason charges in the stadium injured English supporters who played no part in the violence; worse casualties would have resulted had there been a stampede by panicking spectators. Italy has much to learn about British police techniques of isolating troublemakers and taking them out of the stands at the first sign of trouble. If containment failed, so did proven methods of prevention. Gate checks were offensively intrusive in searching bodies but culpably lax in checking tickets and seat assignments. Groups of English fans were not properly isolated, and some were admitted who should not have been.

Yet it has to be recognised that although England has improved its grim record for football hooliganism, it has not yet beaten the problem. Last year in this country, 3,577 were arrested at or near football grounds. And too many English fans still behave abroad far worse than they do at home. The Football Association's ticket schemes have not stopped fans travelling without tickets on the assumption — often correct — that they will be allowed into stadiums for fear of riots if they are excluded. However inexcusable the police brutality in Rome, the background to it is the jumpiness that still attends the arrival of English supporters. Tension was raised before the game by drunken, aggressive English supporters who vandalised Roman cafés, cars and shops, littered parts of the city with broken glass and forced shopkeepers to ring down their shutters. It does not take many to generate a climate of fear.

Neither country emerges blameless from this encounter. The 1989 Football Spectators Act provides for restriction orders against those who have committed an offence, yet only nine currently have orders against them. If 700 known troublemakers were free to travel, this system is not working. A fixture in Italy should have been tackled with extra rigour because the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster, when 39 Juventus supporters were crushed to death after a charge by Liverpool fans, remains vivid in Italian memory. Rioting by English fans in Sweden, Rotterdam and Dublin this decade underlines the sombre fact that the modernisation of the England team has yet to be matched by the civilising of some English supporters. At home, all-seat stadiums, video camera controls and other techniques honed by the British police have contained the problem but are also tes-timony to its scale — and even these did not prevent last year's disgraceful scenes after the Euro 96 semi-final between England and Germany at Wembley.

The question that must swiftly be addressed is how to prevent any repetition in next year's World Cup in France, when far more English supporters will cross the Channel France, unlike Italy, has yet to enter into the reciprocal notifying agreements with Scotland Yard's football unit that enable the identification of troublemakers. After Rome, that is clearly a priority. If this country's restriction orders cannot be made to work, it is worth reconsidering the identity card scheme that was canvassed in 1989 but shelved after the Hillsborough report.

Bad behaviour by English fans has already made football a sport policed like no other. To go further and ban sales of alcohol in towns and cities before and after matches would be unpopular, but would it be more unacceptable than what happened in Rome? This was what Italy did, at the British Government's urging, for the 1990 World Cup, and it considerably reduced off-pitch violence. It is a drastic remedy and is no substitute for close Franco-British police cooperation between now and next year, but after Rome, it is one that should be on the joint planning agenda.

GESTURE POLITICS

The hand shaken yesterday may prime the bomb tomorrow

Eighteen months after the last occasion on which a British Prime Minister met the leader of Irish republicanism, David Lloyd George's career was at an end and so was Michael Collins's life. Tony Blair's embrace of Gerry Adams yesterday is unlikely to lead to such dramatic consequences for either but it should not be seen as a concession without costs. Although their meeting took place accompanied by an insistence on the Government's part that Sinn Fein is being treated like every other party, it is nevertheless another propaganda coup for a republican movement which itself remains unwilling to compromise on symbols or substance.

Sinn Fein is in talks not to reach amicable agreement but, in the words of its chief negotiator" Martin McGuinness, to "smash the Union". Should negotiations fall short of the republicans' aim then the IRA, which has never accepted the Mitchell Principles of non-violence, remains ready to return to the armed struggle. Mr Blair may then regret shaking a hand not just stained: with blood but hovering over the detonator.

The refusal by Mr Major to dignify Mr Adams with a handshake has been cited by republican apologists as a symbolic snub. which beloed to convince the IRA that the last Government was not serious about talks and needed to be reminded of the costs of continued violence. Anxious to ensure that this ceasefire does not collapse, the Prime Minister's defenders believe that if a handshake helps to bind republicans into talks then it would be wrong to refuse. Couched in such terms it seems perverse to object. To appreciate the real dangers of the gesture, however, it is only necessary to ask, what sort of ceasefire it is that needs a handshake to cement it? Mr Adams must delight in the ease with which he can persuade the Prime Minister to indulge his wishes, great or small, and in so doing offend Northern Ireland's democratic majority.

Mr Blair may believe that no progress will er be made in Northern Ireland if he becomes a prisoner of principle. But even on the most calculating and pragmatic grounds his current course is a dangerous one. At every stage in the peace process concessions have been justified on the ground that they are necessary to make the political process attractive to the republicans. But there has been a poor return for the investment of Danegeld. A handshake from Bill Clinton in December 1995 did not prevent a return to violence in February 1996. None of this Government's generosity towards republicans since the ceasefire has been accompanied by any handsome gesture from Sinn Fein. Mo Mowlam's recent announcement that internment would be struck from the statute book was pocketed by the republicans without any matching response.

Indulgence of republican demands is not without cost. It weakens support within the majority community for the Unionist leader David Trimble's participation in talks and limits his room for generosity in negotiations. Those whose confidence in the peace process most needs bolstering are not terrorist organisations, whose prisoners are being transferred and leaders fêted, but democratic parties whose patience has been tested so far.

COOKING UP A STORM

The Foreign Secretary has spoken out of turn

The Queen's visit to India was always going to be controversial. Despite close cultural and historical links, there is a sizeable section of the Indian population which still harbours intense suspicion of the former imperial power: this emotion is all too easily manipulated by politicians looking for quick popularity. On this, the 50th year of independence, India has been looking back to the days of the Raj. not always nostalgically. Britain is central to such memories of dark days and a difficult heritage, and the Queen's brave decision to face up to one of the darkest stains, the 1919 Amritsar massacre, was bound to inflame senstivities. What no one anticipated, however, was that the Queen's visit would be wershadowed not by historical legacies but by a gaffe by the British Foreign Secretary.

Robin Cook has spent much of the past wo days denying that he ever made the remarks that now appear to have caused such a storm. British officials have protecively insisted that he said nothing in public. hat he brought no new suggestions on (ashmir with him and that he discussed the hisputed territory only as part of a general eview of Anglo-Pakistani relations. The akistanis, however, give a different version. They say that Mr Cook specifically offered, n talks with Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, and Gauharuayub Khan, the oreign Minister, to help to find a "just olution" - a phrase that smacks to India of he internationalisation of the dispute, vhich Delhi regards as unacceptable.

By tradition, the Foreign Secretary. accompanies the Queen on state visits only as her adviser; he brings no foreign policy initiatives and causes no waves. Mr Cook argues that it would have been impossible for him not to have paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister, and equally impossible not to have discussed Kashmir. He insists that he won important Pakistani points over Afghanistan, and subsequently established a valuable rapport with Inder Kumar Guiral, the Indian Prime Minister. That alone is proof that he saw this as a working visit. This was a departure from protocol and a serious misjudgment.

So violent and partisan are feelings over Kashmir that almost anything he said would be taken amiss by one side or the other. It would, perhaps, have been better had the state visits been in the other order, but given the distorting megaphone of the sub-continent's press, Mr Cook could hardly have imagined that he would not become a focus for antagonism, especially at a time when India and Pakistan are gingerly taking the first steps towards direct negotiations over Kashmir. Labour's policy is deeply suspect in Delhi, with politicians quick to seize on party policy documents which they say are intended to woo Muslim voters in Britain. It may seem odd to visit the sub-continent without discussing Kashmir; but Mr Cook has plenty of other chances to out forward his views. His courtesy calls should have remained just that anything more is a discourtesy to the Queen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'tolerant' Tories

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir. Your leader "Tolerance and Tories" (October 10), is surely right to welcome a greater study of Burke by leading Conservatives but quite wrong to suggest that Burke might have approved any further weakening of the State's diminished support for marriage. He described marriage as "the contract which renews the world" and likened the family to the "little platoon", a structured and disciplined

There is a crucial distinction be-tween condemning those who find themselves in unhappy circumstances (whether through their own fault or through personal tragedy) and recognising the grim economic arithmetic, over four fifths of all child-bearing "stable" relationships outside marriage dissolve before the children become adults and two thirds of all single-parent families are wholly or mainly dependent on the State.

As Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Michael Portillo struggled manfully against a mounting budget deficit. He should be the first to recognise that burgeoning social security spending, much of it driven by family breakdown, was and is the major factor in public spending growth. Almost a third of children of pre-school age are

now being reared on income support. The state cannot prescribe how people should live their lives but sensible peasures in our tax, benefit and civil laws, designed to encourage lasting marriages, and to recognise responsibilities within them, are in the economic interests of the taxpayer as well as the best interests of the children.

In commenting on the French Revolution and the contemporary reaction. Burke remarked: When I saw this mingled scene of crime, of vice, of disorder . . . received by very many

here ... with rapture and ecultation ... I thought myself bound to stand and ... distinguish the ideas of a sober and virtuous liberty ... from that profligate, immoral, impious and rebellious license.

As representatives of the British Government sit down with Gerry Adams while the IRA have still not renounced violence, as Britain prepares to confer her citizenship on foreign homosexual partners (report, October 11) and state-funded illegitimacy becomes the norm in large parts of the country, we could do with a strong draught of Burke's common

Yours faithfully, JULIAN BRAZIER. House of Commons.

From Canon W. D. Jones

Sir, Everyone concerned with the health of democracy in this nation will hope that the Conservative Party will succeed in its plans to reform and reorganise, and in its goal of party unity. This is necessary if the party is to prove an effective Opposition and a credible candidate for government.

But the question that still persists is why, at the conference of a major political party in this country towards the end of the 20th century, was it found necessary, day after day, for speaker after speaker to urge upon the party leaders. MPs and party activists, the need for greater compassion and kindliness, more caring and tolerance, more sensitive listening and

What lessons are we to draw from

Yours faithfully, W. D. JONES, Hatfield Cottage, Bath Road, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. vdjones@btinternet.com October 10.

Major and Goldsmith From Mr Howell James

Sir, I hate to spoil a good tale particularly one given such prom-inence in The Times (book extract, October 7) but I am afraid I do not recognise Alistair McAlpine's version of discussions between John Major and Sir James Goldsmith in the autumn of 1995.

The meeting in question was a dinner at which I was present as I was during the later telephone call to which Lord McAlpine refers. On nether of those occasions did Mr Major offer the possibility of a full referen-dum on Europe. Such a proposition would have been undeliverable politically, even if Mr Major was minded to consider it, which he wasn't.

Yours faithfully, **HOWELL JAMES** (Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, 1994-1997), 25 Lower Belgrave Street, SW1. October 8.

Author's brainstorms From Mr Hamish Carmichael

Sir. My favourite erratum slip (letters, September 10 and 17: October 3 and 9) comes from the delightful Confessions of an Uncommon Attorney, 1945, by the late Reginald L. Hine, of Hitchin. It reads:

Page 29, delete "unfrocked by the all-knowing bishop", and substitute "suspended, at his own request".

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Yours faithfully, J. W. S. CARMICHAEL, 63 Collingwood Avenue. Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

Burke as model to Who were Rome's true barbarians?

From Mr Anthony Mellor

Sir, Along with a few thousand other England fans, I arrived at the Olympic Stadium in Rome at about 6.15pm on Saturday and was subjected to a rigorous search, with everything from belts to keys to coins to lighters being

Inside was chaos. We had tickets for the "official" section but were sent to an area for which these were not valid, so the police (there were no stewards) told us to sit wherever we wished. We had been told beforehand that we were forbidden to bring any politically inflammatory banners into the ground (why would we?). However, the Italians on our right waved Irish flags and banners proclaiming slogans such as "Free Northern Ireland", as well as flags with skull and crossbones on them.

Forty seconds after kick-off the Italians started to throw full water bottles, coins and other objects into our stand. The English could not have thrown anything back — everything had been confiscated. The Italian police did not react to the missiles being lobbed into our area, yet when the English started to return the rubbish thrown at them, the police started a "baton charge"; they repeated this continuously until the end of the first

The second half passed peacefully, but after the game we were not re leased for an hour and a half. When finally we were allowed out, we were "baton-charged" by the police without reason three times. A stampede ensued, with English fans running for cover. Numerous women and children were crying; one child I noticed was bleeding, apparently due to hav-ing been struck round the face by one of the police. We finally made it safely

to our coaches by about 1.30am. The behaviour of both the Italian fans and the police was disgraceful. The latter seemed to bear a grudge against every English fan - their attacks on us were both bizarre and ter-

rifying. English lans certainly retaliated, and some threw seats at the police in the stadium; but rather than instilling fear and anger, surely the police should have protected and helped innocent fans in such a situation.

Yours faithfully.
ANTHONY MELLOR (aged 17 years). 192a Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14. October I2.

From Mr Ronan Donoghue

Sir. As an Irish resident in Rome for the past three years, I am surprised by how press reaction to Saturday's match has concentrated on the heavy-handedness of the Italian police.

From Friday night up until kick-off saw many groups of English fans parading around the centre of Rome, shouting abuse at locals, especially women, and in some cases throwing bottles and other implements at mopeds, cars, police and in one case smashing the window of a bar. All this in the capital city of the country which was the main victim of the Heysel disaster in 1985.

I have never seen anything like this behaviour in Rome, even though many European teams play here on a regular basis. When will the FA learn that the root of the problem still lies with their fans and not the authorities of the other countries?

I believe that the French authorities vill react in the same way at the World Cup finals next year unless the English fans can prove that they can act in a civilised manner.

Yours etc. RONAN DONOGHUE. Via Gallia 122, Rome. ronan@hotmail.com October 13.

Drug legalisation

From Dr Robert Lefever

Sir, The Lord Chief Justice has called for a debate on the legalisation of cannabis (report, October 9). Surely what should be examined are the inconsistencies in the legal position concerning the use of any mood-altering substance, such as alcohol, nicotine and those drugs which are currently ille-

There should be two guiding principles: first, that social use should be permitted for any mood-altering substance but the law should protect other people from risk or damage consequent upon that use.

This is the situation that already exists for alcohol use and I believe this principle should be broadly applied. Second, that the Mental Health Act should be applied for those whose perception is impaired and thus become a danger to themselves and possibly to

This situation already exists for schizophrenia and other psychoses. but is not yet applicable for anorexia. alcoholism and drug addiction — in-cluding nicotine addiction, the biggest killer of all - as I believe it should be. Although this appears to be an infringement of liberty, there is in fact no liberty in compulsive behaviour.

Sincerely, ROBERT LEFEVER. The Promis Unit, 2a Pelham Street, SW7. October 9.

Church heritage

From the Bishop of Norwich

Sir, Having served as a bishop in Somerset and Norfolk, I was particularly interested in Simon Jenkins's article (October 4: see also letters, October 11) comparing the churches of the two counties, but comparisons can be misleading because their demography and topography are vastly different. In Somerset a village of 500 inhabitants is counted small, but that is a large community in Norfolk, where we have more than 100 villages inhabited by fewer than 100 people. Nor can you compare the glorious ranges of hills and grass-rich lowlands of Somerset with the matchless skyscapes, woodland and subtly changing levels of Norfolk.

The churches of both counties are equally loved and cared for. Simon Jenkins quite rightly notes the sterling work of Lady Harrod and the Norfolk Churches Trust in repairing and

restoring our heritage of medieval church buildings. I am closely involved in the work of the trust, but the fact that the churches of Norfolk are in a better state of repair now than at any time since the Middle Ages is due also to the generosity of thousands of ordinary parishioners, who have raised millions in recent years for love of their village churches.

We are grateful too for the grants from English Heritage. We would be even more grateful if the Government would support moves to lower the rate of VAT on repairs to church buildings. At the moment the Government receives from the churches in VAT payments more than double the amount it grants through English Heritage. The ending of that scandalous anomaly would cause equal rejoicing in Somerset and Norfolk.

Yours sincerely. **†PETER NORVIC,** Bishop's House, Norwich, Norfolk. October 12.

Opera inquiry? From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, When he appeared before a Com-

mons select committee in July (report. July 25), Lord Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, said he was "gob-smacked" at the appointment of Ms Mary Allen, his general secretary, as the Royal Opera House's chief exec-A few weeks earlier the Arts Council

itself set up an inquiry into "the beleaguered Royal Opera House ... focusing on the relationship between the council and the house". In so doing, your account said, "it added a puzzling twist to a drama that had recently verged on farce" (report, June

And we are now assured (report,

October 8) in the summary report released by the Arts Council that it is cleared of "cosy fixing" with opera. The farce continues. Is it not time to bring the curtain down on it? Not only is the ROH the recipient of

the Arts Council's biggest subsidy, it is also, as is not generally realised, one of our largest charities.

Should not the Charity Commissioners, in accordance with their responsibilities as laid down by Parliament, conduct an urgent and objective inquiry into what appears to be the maladministration of that charity in order to protect its property and integrity?

Yours faithfully. ANSEL HARRIS, 35 The Pryors, NW3. October 9.

An Ulster head

From Mr M. Stuart Peebles

Sir, Your obituary of John Cook (October 2) was a handsome tribute to a headmaster ahead of his time.

I was one of his victims and pupils at Campbell College, Belfast, in the 1960s. We cordially despised each other, yet vigorously debated issues of school and wider politics. I usually lost. It is only through hindsight and mellowing middle age that I recognise his visionary powers.

The place of Campbell in Ulster society is hard to describe - Miss Jean Brodie could have felt at home. It was thanks to John Cook's shrewdness in selecting his staff, and to his management skills that I had wonderful teachers, simultaneously coaxing,

encouraging, sustaining and eccentric, as adroit intellectually as they were sensitive and supportive pastorally. Of course, I did not recognise this at the time.

John Cook and I rarely saw eye to eye. Northern Ireland in the 1960s was even more conservative than now. Cook was an early and effective moderniser.

It is, at last, satisfying to be generous in memory.

M. STUART PEEBLES, 2 Douglas Court, Troon, Ayrshire.

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French supremacy begs questioning

From Professor Thomas Wiedemann Sir, Mr Richard Branson (letter, October 8) reminds us of how the primacy of French teaching restricts the opportunities for British secondary-school students to learn Spanish and other

languages. The effective monopoly position of French as the first foreign language in our schools is the result of a particular historical event, the First World War (German disappeared from the sylla-bus from one term to the next in the

autumn of 1914). The introduction of the national curriculum has increasingly prevented schools from giving their pupils the choice of learning so-called "minority" languages, although inflected languages such as German, Russian, Greek or Latin are rather more suitable in enabling those whose first lan-guage is English to develop linguistic ability (as well as improving their

computer programming skills). Nor is the position of French necessarily of help to French teachers, faced with pupils who, for good reasons as well as bad ones, frequently resent having to learn a language they have

The problem has been recognised for at least a decade, but the decline of "minority" languages has continued. Mr Blunkett should ensure that the Government's promised introduction of computer-aided learning to every school will be an opportunity for local education authorities to support the provision of a much wider choice of languages in our schools, from Arabic and Mandarin to Greek and Latin.

Yours faithfully, THOMAS WIEDEMANN. University of Nottingham. Department of Latin, University Park, Nomingham,

From Mr Roderick Thomson

Sir, France is nearer. It has a greater literature than Spain's. Millions of Africans speak French, as do thousands of Asians in former colonies; millions in Europe have it as a second

language. Mr Branson's daughter is certain to find it of great help in her travels and reading. Its hold in British schools is fully justified.

Yours sincerely, RODERICK THOMSON, Army and Navy Club, Pall Mail, SW1. October 8.

From the President of the Alliance Française de Londres

Sir, Mr Branson attributes the predominance of French in our schools to "historic reasons". He is right. It might, however, perhaps be

added, that but for "historic reasons" neither he nor I might be alive today. Yours faithfully,

PETER FAWCETT, President, Alliance Française de Londres, l Dorset Square, NWI. October 9.

From Mrs Gay Bramwich

Sir. Richard Branson is right, French is a very difficult language for native English speakers. Most of us struggle to learn enough to pass exams, and we then think we are not very good at languages and don't bother to try any others.

If we learnt Italian or Spanish as a first foreign language, we would be more successful, and would then have the confidence to tackle others, including French.

Yours, G. BRAMWICH. Poultons Hatch. Mill Road, Aldington, Kent.

From Mr Thomas Watts

Sir, Surely the linguistic energies of today's youth could be better directed towards learning English properly.

Yours faithfully. THOMAS WATTS, 58 Cambridge Avenue. New Malden, Surrey, watts-t@kcs.org.uk October 9.

Mixed doubles

From Mr Paul Foster

Sir, In my capacity as secretary of the local tennis club, I have encountered some of the practical difficulties over the identity of "a partner" that Christopher Miles Coope discusses in his letter (October 9).

A discount on the subscription has always been given to married couples. but this year a gay couple objected to what they saw as discrimination. This was met with some sympathy by the committee but settling suitable criteria proved difficult.

A sexual relationship on its own was insufficient, as there were couples who did not live together but who were sexual partners. Likewise there were people who shared a house but on a platonic basis.

After lengthy discussion we concluded that our only option would be to put a box at the bottom of the application form saying "Please tick if you love each other".

At that point we decided to defer a decision until next year. Yours faithfully.

PAUL FOSTER, 130 Hydethorpe Road, SW12. October 9.

Birthdays

today



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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN,

October 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received this morning at Rashtrapati Rhavan by The President of the Republic of India (Shri K R Narayunan).
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later laid a Wreath at Raj Ghat

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited The President of the Republic of India at

Rashtrapari Bhavan. Rashtrapan Bhavan. Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness and accompanied by The President, subsequently visited the National Museum and opened the British Museum's major exhibition to mark the Hilleth Anniversary of Independence.

mark the Fiftieth Anniversary of Independent Inc.
Shri I K Gujrai MP (Prime Minister) this afternoon had an audience of The Queen at Hyderabad House.
Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Luncheon given by the Prime Minister.
The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, later visited the British High Commission and attended a Reception for media representatives in the Deputy High Commissioner's garden.

Commissioner's garden.

Later Shri Krishan Kant (Vice
President) was received.

Cater Start Kristian Katti (Vine President) was received by The Queen at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
This evening Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a State Banquet given by The President of the Republic of India and Shrimati Usha Narayanan in the Ashok Hall. New Delhi.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 13: The Duke of York. Patron, Golf Foundation, today participated in and presented the trophies at the Foundations's Annual Professional-Amateur Golf Tournament at the Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Denham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Sir Nigel Mobbs).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 13: The Princess Royal today visited Leeds and was received by Mr David Fearnley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Lord-Lieutenant of

Yorkshire).
Her Royal Highness. Patron,
SENSE — the National Deafblind
and Rubella Association, this morning opened the first York-shire Group Home at 509 Leeds and Bradford Road and afterand bladuour Road and alter-wards attended a Lunch to launch a fund-raising appeal at the Queen's Hotel, City Square. The Princess Royal this after-

noon opened a new Unit at St Mary's Hospital, Armley, Her Royal Highness later visited Leeds Girls High School to mark the official opening of the Senior

The Princess Royal this evening attended a Reception for GAP International Projects for Youth Exchange at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London SWI. KENSINGTON PALACE

garet, Countess of Snowdon. Patron, the Mathilda and Terence Kennedy Institute of Rheumatol-

ogy, this afternoon visited the Institute's laboratories on the Charing Cross Hospital Campus. London Wo, and attended a Reception given by the Trustees for Donors and Research Workers.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 13: The Duke of Glouces ter this afternoon visited the Shri Swaminaryan Hindu Mission. Neasden, London NW10.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain, this evening attended a Dinner at the House of Lords. London SWI.

The Duchess of Gloucester Patron, the Listening Library, today attended the Annual General Meeting at Drapers Hall. Throgmorton Avenue, London

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon received His Excellency Mr Dong-jin Choi (Ambassador of the Republic

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will visit United Biscuits, Waxlow Road, London NWIO, at J.30; as President,

will open a new indoor school, Penniwells Riding Centre, Edgware-bury Lane, Elstree, Hertfordshire, at

5.20; and will attend the 10th anniver-sary dinner of the Charity Finance Directors' Group at The Brewery. Chiswell Street, London ECI, at 7.30.

Chiswell Street, London ECI, at 7.30. The Duchess of Gloucester, patron. St Peter's Research Trust, will attend an "Evening of Magic" at Fishmongers' Hall, London EC2, at 7.35. The Duke of Kent, President, Royal Institution of Great Britain, and patron, "Year of Engineering Success", will attend "Engineering in Health Week". Albermarle Street, London Wt. at 11.00; and, as president of the council, King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, will attend a

Hospital for Officers, will attend a reception at Stationers' Hall, Ava Maria Lane, London EC4, at 6.30.

Royal Over-Seas League Mr William Sleath, Head of the Political Unit, European Commission UK, was the guest speaker at a

Riding for the Disabled Associa

at 7.30.

Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Max Phillips, The Princess Royal, on behalf of the Queen, will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.
The Duke of York, patron, will visit the Deaf Association's London Office.

1-3 Worship Street, London EC2, at 10.00; and, as President, will attend the Royal arm Chin Current dimension. and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr J.W. Phillips, were present at a dinner held, by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff 10.00; and, as President, will afternot the Royal Aero Club Council dinner at the Royal Air Force Club. 128 Piccadilly, London WI, at 7.30. Prince Edward will attend a performance of Giselle given by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet at the Peacack Theatre, Kingsway, London WC2, et 7.30. last night. The guest speaker was
Mr Adrian Coles, DirectorGeneral, The Building Societies
Association. Sir Peter Phillips,
Chairman of the Principality Building Society, presided.

Part Prison Charity

present were:

Cardiff Business Club

The Chairman of Cardiff Business

Club, Mr Brian K. Thomas, the

Major Dan Clayton Jones was the host at a dinner for the Parc Prison Charity held last night at Court Colman Hotel. Bridgend. The principal guest was Sir David Ramsbotham, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons. The Chief Executive Securicor pic, Mr Roger Wiggs. and Mr Byron Butler also spoke.

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster

Professor J.Z. Young A memorial service for Professor

John Young will be held in the Chapel of Magdalen College. Oxford, on Saturday. November 8. 1997, at 3pm.

Mr P.L. Gardiner A memorial service for Mr Patrick Gardiner will be held in the

Chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford, on Saturday, November 15, 1997, at 3pm.

Church in Wales The Rev Amos Kasibante has been appointed Tutor for Christian Doctrine at St Michael's Theological

audicial - David, 10th October, poscefully at home siter a long illness borne with great dignity. Adored hysband and father of See, Tom and John. Pemeral Service St Nicholas Church, Harpenden, 17th October at 11.30 am Rumily flowers. Denations for Cancer Research or Macmillan Nurses via: Philips, Harpenden, 01582 461100.

MARE - Wilfrid George, FinetLEx, aged 92, on 10th October 1997, after a long Illness most hemsely boins. Dear heshessi of Pegg, and father of lan, Roy and Gordon. Enquiries to Towners F/D tel: (01424) 436386.

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HAY - Andrey Goscombe (Die Fildes), peacefully on Saturday October 11th following a stroke. Lowingly mourned by some Paul and Nicholas, sister James Pemberton, brother Lute Fildes and nephew James McConnan. Audrey's Love will be remembered by all who knew her. Those who wish may make a donation to a children's charics. Arrangements by Besic Feneral Services 001 416 226 2480.

416 226 2480.

HHLE- The Enverand Rowland longthm on 10th October 1997 aged 84 years. Former Vicar of Iffley, beloved hundred of the Ison Dians, father of Frances, Mary and Paul, stepfather of Sarah, grandfather and great-genediather range will be at 8th Mary's Church, Iffley, Oxford, on Thursday 16th October 1997 at 320 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to liftley Church clo 21. Seconley & Son, 245 Magdalem Road, Oxford, un (U2865) 792227.

JARVIE - Hugh on 12th October peacefully in hospital Service at Landican Grenatorium, Wiral, on Friday 17th October at 12 mon. Family Howest only planse. Donations to the Eritish Heart Foundation or Leahurst Veterinary School of Charles Stephens Funeral Directors, 215 Sebington Boad, Bock Ferry, Wiral 142 404.

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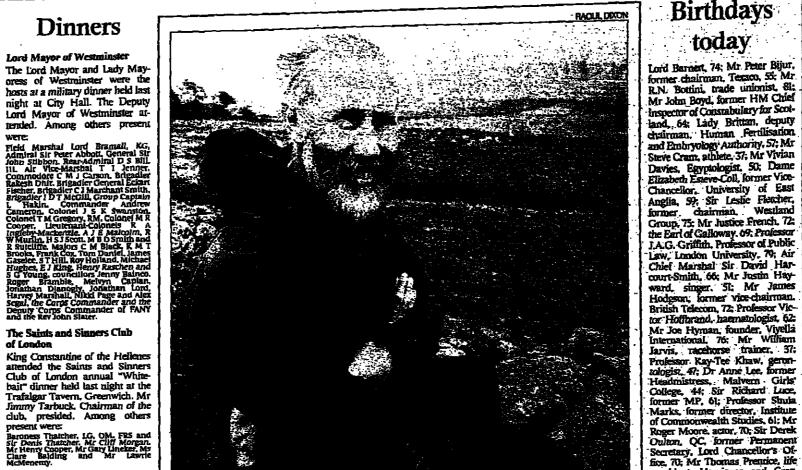
LAMBARORE - J.C. (John) on October 9th, the loving brother of Author and Beryl and Beryl and the devoted patters of Cyril Fairman, Cremation took place privately in Norwich on Monday October 13th Any domations in Ben of flowers may be agnt cfor Feter Taylor Funeral Services (Charity Account), 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NEZ 2PE to fund the purchase of an Arther for Beechcroft Residential Home.

MALCOLM - George John CHE

MALCOLM - George John CRE RSG, died pesseefully at home on 10th October after a short illness. Deady loved and admired by his many friends and fellow nusicians. He will be saffy missed. Requiem Mass at Sacred Feart Church, Edge Hill, Winhladom on Trasckay 21st October at 2 pm. followed by private

followed by private cremation. Momorial Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathodial, date to be autounced. Enquiries

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Sir Chris is concerned at the effects on the Lake District of increasing tourism

Bonington urges Lake District fell walkers to tread lightly

By Russell Jenkins

CHRIS BONINGTON, Britain's most celebrated mountaineer, has raised the alarm over the future of the Lake District which is under siege from millions of tourists each

The veteran of many Himalayan expeditions has witnessed the growing pressure on the region's clogged roads and most popular peaks from the Lakeland home in the northern fells he shares with his wife Wendy.

He welcomes the visitors who come to savour the area's natural beauty but is concerned that their boots are wearing away footpaths leaving scars across the hillsides. His fears are highlighted in his book Chris Bonington's Lake District, to be published next week. The climber, who was knighted in 1995, says that footpath erosion is a big problem, especially among the highest and most popular

"Over the last 20 years, since we first came to live here, the pressure imposed by the ever-increasing number of tourists and the proliferation of activities, such as mountain biking, paragliding and so on, is causing problems, particularly of footpath erosion and overcrowded roads and car parks," he said.

"I feel there is a space for quiet enjoyment by all but with the increased use must come increased responsi-bility. All users of the fells must respect certain guidelines and develop a greater awareness of the impact being made on the environment, and ideally leaving_no trace of their presence. The solution must not, however. be to limit the numbers of people going into the hills. Apart from being difficult to implement, our need for the inspiration and refreshment they provide is growing. The challenge is to find ways of enabling people to pursue their activities without spoiling the very place they use."

Sir Chris is president of the National Trust Lake District Appeal committed to raising funds for footpath repairs. rebuilding drystone walls, re-storing traditional farm buildings, woodland management and hedgerow restoration. Every copy of the book, which outlines the climber's favourite climbs and walks. will attract a El donation to

the appeal.

Academy of Experts Lard Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC. President of the Academy of Experts, was the host at a reception held last night at the Royal Courts of Justice to mark the academy's 10th anniversary. During the evening Lord Howe presented a Companionship to Mr Charles Gardner and a Fellowship to Mr Paul Warren. The Ambassador of China and the President of

Reception

Academy of Experts

of China and the President of La Federation Nationale des Compagnies d'Experts Judiciaries were among those present. Service dinner

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57; Mr John S. Roques, senior partner and chief executive. Deloitte & Touche, 59; Mr Mike

Deloitte & Touche, 59; Mr Mike: Sweeney, chairman, Henley Royal Regana, 53; Mr Roger Taylor, tennis player, 56; Mr Christopher Timothy, actor, 57; Miss Carole Tongue, MEP, 42; Mr Kieran Tunney, playwright and author, 75; Mr David Venables, former. Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court 65; Mr David Venables

Court, 65; Mr Derek Wood, QC.

Principal, St Hugh's College, Oxford, 60.

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Sheriffs and their ladies, amended the
annual feast of the Company of
Pikemen and Musicaters of the
Honourable Artillery Company held
last night at Armoury House. Caprain Michael Holford, Captain of the
Company, presided.

Musicians' Company officers for the ensuing year: Master Mr Frank Fowler, Senior Professor Makojim Tromp: Warden, Sir Alam Trafil.

Forthcoming marriages

and Mrs C. Thom the engagement is announced between Michael Ashall, of Campbeltown, Argyll, and Christine Thomlinson, of Farlan,

Mr S.S. Best-Shaw and Miss E. Arch The engagement is announced between Samuel Stevenson. younger son of Sir John and Lady > Best-Shaw, of West Malling, Ken, and Elena, only daughter of the late Mr Milhail Arch, of St Petersburg and of Mrs. Karkkonen, of Lahit, Finland,

Mr A.T. Borthwick and Miss C.J. Cox The engagement is announced between Alistair, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Donald Borthwick, of Crowbridge. Glamorgan, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cot. of Wick Farm. Hertfordshire.

Mr M. Finney and Miss N.J. Gurney The engagement is announced between Mark son of Mr Roger Finney and the lane Mrs Marjorie

Ann Finney, of Edmaston,

Derbyshire, and Nicola Jame, elder
daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael James Tyson Gurney, of Framfield, East Sussex.

Mr M.I.D. Flynn and Miss B.K. Sharpe and name but summer the engagement is associated between Michael elder son of David and Christine Flynn, of Sale, Cheshire, and Beverley, younger danglater of Trevor and Diana Sharpe, of Hastings, East

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Kate, younger twin daughter of Mr James Ashworth, FRCS, and Mrs Ashworth, of Well, Yorkshire. Marriage .

MrTER Hollis and Miss R.M. Batabridge The marriage took place on Friday, September 25, 1997, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul,
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Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and the late Mr Robert Bainbridge.

It is not that the Lord is slow in keeping his promise, as some suppose, but that he is patient with you. It is not his will that any be lost, but that all come to present you.

RIRTHS

The Fortland Bospital, to Anna (née Lewis) and Michael, a daughter, Chlos

HECKS - On October 9th at The Fortland Hospital, to Sharon (nie Tyler) and Graham, a daughter, Lucy Gillian.

JOHNSON - On October 9th, to Vancesa (née Bound) and Charles, a son, Henry John Peter, a brother for Milly.

DEATHS BAXENDINE - At home surrounded by his family after a short illness on 12th October 1997, Dr. Bichard Robert Sametson Examiline (EN Ski), husband of the late Peggy Houston, father of Michael, Magnet, Elisabeth (Steward) and Andrew and much loved and loving grandfather to his seven grandchildren. Service to be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, on Friday 17th October at 2.15 pm, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

(Sill) died suddenly and peacefully at home on October 11th 1997 aged S1. Emeritus Professor of Electrical Engineering at Cambridge University. Fellow of Corpus Christi College London, Much lowed busband of Monitor for 50 years and deeply respected by all rivate cremation.

BERIM - Aldo on Sunday

loame, dear genedicther of Thomas and Michael. Funeral Service at 11 min Saturday 18th October at St Johns Wood Church (Lonis roundahout). Enquiries to Levertons 0171-387 4075.

Meeting

ADAM - On September 16th 1997, to Susan (née Edney) and James, a daughter, Grace Efizabeth.

FERIAL - On October 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Claire and Olivier, a daughter, Elizabeth, a sister for Marie

by all. Private cremation.

BERM - Aldo on Sunday October 12th aged 88. Very much loved father of Linn, grandfather of Henrietts, Sophie and Jamie. He will be greatly missed by all his family and his hothers. Funeral Service will be at Clifton Cathedral, Pembroka Road, Bristol on Friday October 17th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers can be sent to B. Davies & Son, 63 Westbury Hill, Westbury-on-Tryn, Bristol.

BEYTS - Anthony Grant Avenst. LEECH - On October 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (bile McKendrick) and Tom, a daughter, Alicia Grace, a sister for Rosalind. Trym, Bristol.

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father of Nicholas and
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MEWHEAN - On 30th September, to Lealey and James, a son, Oliver Edward, a much younger brother for Mathew and Peter.

PEACE - On August 13th 1997, to Georgina (asse Hodgkin) and David, a son, Louis.

THOMES ON Conder 1th, to Jean Markes on Cape Hospital to Amy Dinah (nife Wilkes) and Joseph.

Spiles on October 1th, to Jean (nife Westing) and Stronger and Doctober 1997. To Diame (nife Wilke) and Stephen (nife Wilke) an

the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Leonard Lickorish presided. College, Llandaff.

BOTTERIL - Harry Thomas on 10th October 1997 minotunately passed away at the Boyal Sussex County Hospital, Righton, aged 75 years. Pather of Ian, Gisma, Diana, Helen and Wendy, Funeral Service at Tha Downs Crematorium on Friday 17th October at 2.15pm. Family flowers only but donations to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital may be sent to Regency Funeral Service, 29 College Flace, Brighton, tel: (01273) 603018.

BULLER SMITH - On Thursday October 9th 1997 in Quam. Mary's University Hospital, Rochampton, Richard Peter of Sendico, Herts, aged 57 years, Deaty loved husband of Bern and beloved father of Paul, Robert and Pattick. Femeni Service on Menday October 20th at 12 noon at Cambridge City Grenatorium. Family Howers only please but donations gratefully accepted for The Injured Jockeys Fund of S. Newling & Son Funeral Directors, 2 Palace Gardans, Ecyston, Horts.

CROLE - Estharine Mangaret, pescafully in her own bed on October 10th aged 97. Widow of Gerard Brave Crole. Much leved mother of Gerry, Eobin and Colingrandmother and mother-thew. A Funeral Service will be held at Warriston Crometorium Cloister Chapel, Warriston Eoad, Edinburgh on Printy October 17th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to E.N.I.S. Taiking Hooks, Mount Flowers, Wembley, Middeser HAO IM.

ballis: Ivan Kingsley died on 2nd October 1997. He leaves much leved wite Jeanne (née Gardenez), denghter Tracy and sons Andrew, Jonathan and Cheksumber.

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Hambetta Reloved widow of founds Hamry, much loved mother of Sander and Colin and Mana of Malaule, Lucinda and Jacon Puneral at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Thursday October 16th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to charity of choice.

GORDON - Dennis very peacefully on October 12th, derling healend of Pauline, father of Charles and Alben, D.G. to all his beloved grandchildren. Funeral at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner fill Road, Kingston, Surrey, at 11 am Monday 20th October. Family flowers control, Donations if wished to Octobe. Bestybody welcome beck to Pauline's afterwards.

1882; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th American President 1953-61. actress, Springfield, Ohio. 1893; e.e. cummings, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1894.

BIRTHS: King James II, reigned 1685-88, St James's Palace, 1633; William Penn, Quaker, founder of the state of Pennsylvania, London, 1644; Earnon de Valera, President of the Irish Republic 1959-73, New York,

MERICICES - On October 8th.
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PADDAY-BARROW - Lealie John on 9th October, father of Simon Benrow, Implant of the Inte Belle Ethel Agnes. Funeral to take place at Holy Trintly Church, Worthing, at 2 pm on 17th October 1997.

PAGE CROFT - Major Richard Arthur Pitnny agot 87, died suddenly but peacefully, at home, on Friday 10th October. Beloved Instead of Isabel, father of Sicky, Hogo and Mirlans and grandfather of Anaballa, Richard, Edward, Jamie, Sam and Scarlett.

and Milliam and granuscusses of Ambelle, Richard, Boward, Jamie, Sam and Scarlett. Service at St. Marrys, Ware, on Priday 17th October at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Scorr Trust, 45-47 South Street, Rishop's Stortfood, Herrs.

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PEARCE GOULD - Anne Researcy at home peacefully on 11th Occober. Adoned wife of the late John, devoted Rosemary, much loved by her five grandsons and holoved 'Gillett' vister. Pumeral Service at 28 Many's Church, Holme on Priday 17th October at 2 pm. Ramily flowers only. If desired, donactions for the Moordand Team Church Council may be sent ale Roy F. Hill, Funeral Director, Leusdon School House, Poundagate, Newton Abbot, TUIS THE.

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Anniversaries

DEATHS: Pierre Gassendi, mathematician, Paris, 1655; James Francis Keith (Marshal Keith), Scottish mercenary, killed in battle, Curran, Irish statesman, Brompton, Middlesex, 1817; Erwin Rommel,

RASTETY - On 11th October 1997 aged 84 years Genald Charles, peacefully at Enowis Park after a long filness bravely endured. Reloved reaband to joy and

Enowie Park after a long illness bravely endured. Beloved husband to Joy and leved father to Richard and Higel. Funeral Service at Gulidford Crematorium on Wednesday 15th October at 12:30 pm. Family flowers only please. If wished donations to The Phyllis Techwell Memorial Hospice, Farnkan, Surrey. Any angulies to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, (01483) 567323.

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RAMAGE - Alice Presmith OBE peacefully in hospital on October 9th 1997. She will be remaindered with very great affection by her family and many friends. Funeral Service at Golders Green. Crematorium, Hoop Lane, on October 17th at 2A5 pm. No. flowers.

Seaguine - Molly Note of Middleton-on-Sea died passesully aged 31 am 11th October at Thinky Hospica, Cisphan, after a brave fight against cancer, Greatly leved and admired by her churtly and all who rode with her. Funeral private but donstions to Gedde Dogs for the Rind, 206 High Street, Recentley, Kent.

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penosfolly in hospital aged
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DisDALL - Doris May on October 11th in her 93rd year. A much treasured mother, sunt, grand and

Corps, committed suicide, Herrlingen, 1944; Dame Edith Ev-ans, actress, Cranbrook, Kent, 1976; stein, commoser, New York: 1990. The Battle of Hastings was fought at U-boat in Scapa Flow, 1939. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Martin Luther King, 1964.

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Hesket, on Thursday 9th October, Dorothy Regina, agad 90 years of Penzith, desired yow of Michael and a devoted grandmother of Mary, mother-in-law of Michael and a devoted grandmother of Antony and Matthew. Service and internent at St. Clement's Church, Ashanapatend, Reading on Thursday 16th October at 2.30 pm. Flowers or if desired, donations for The North of England Cancer Research Pund may be sent to John Richardson & Son, Funeral Directors, Victoria Road, Penzith. WOODS - Jamet Jenny (nee Witney), widow of Percy Charles, peacefully on October 11th at the Victoria October lium at the vacuum Cottage Hospital, Rasworth, aged 93. Much lowed mother of John and Robert (Bob) and their families. Funeral Service at the Chickester Crematorium on Friday October 17th at 3.30 pm. October Lyth at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Gardssens Royal Banevolent Society of F.A. Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester, PO19 1XI, tak (01243) 782965.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN DENVER

John Denver, singer-songwriter, died on October 12 aged 53. He was born on December 31, 1943.

ohn Deriver wrote some of the best-loved country-tinged pop songs of the past 30 years, and went on to become an all-round American family entertainer. Yet even while making Christmas records with the Muppets, dueting with Frank Sinatra or playing for President Bush in the White House, he used his popular success to promote his passonate concern for the environment, born of a deep love for the scenery and wildlife of the "rocky mountain high" of Aspen, Colorado where he lived for

he past quarter of a century.

The son of an American Air Force colonel, he was born Henry John Deutschendorf and raised on bases across America as well as in Japan when his father was posted overseas. He studied architecture at Texas Tech in Lubbock, but having developed an early love for folk music after his grandmother had given him a vintage Gibson guitar when he was 12 he moved to Los Angeles to pursue a musical career.

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Taking his stage name from his favourite American city, he received his early break in 1965 when he beat 250 other hopefuls in an audition to join the iolk combo the Chad Mitchell Trio. He stayed with them until he signed a ecording deal as a solo artist in 1968. He had almost immediate success as songwriter when Peter, Paul and Mary covered Leaving on a Jet Plane from his debut solo album and turned it into a million-seller. His first American hit under his own name swiftly followed with Take Me Home, Country Roads, although in Britain the song was covered by Olivia Newton-John. Further successes followed in his sweet — some said saccharine — tenor, on songs that wavered between sincerity and sentimentality.

Moving to Aspen in the Colorado mountains with his first wife in 1972, he had his first British chart success with the album inspired by his new location, Rocky Mountain High. His popularity this boosted by a weekly live BBC2 ries, The John Denver Show, where. his clean-cut Milky Bar Kid looks won him a wide audience but made him something of a figure of fun among the progressive rock fans of the time.

A Greatest Hits album in early 1974 seemed somewhat premature after just two Top Ten singles, but the record-buying public on both sides of the Atlantic thought otherwise. It sold five million copies and stayed in the album charts for more than three years. Later that year he scored his only British number one single with Annie's Song. a poignant ode to his wife written in ten minutes while riding on a ski-lift after a temporary rift in their marriage.
His middle of the road leanings



vision specials broadcast from different

States of the Union were to become

part of the annual festivities in Ameri-

ca. There was also a television special

In Performance at the White House

recorded before President Bush in 1989.

but Denver continued to expand his

musical palette through the 1980s,

recording the duet *Perhaps Love* with Placido Domingo, dabbling in reggae with members of Bob Marley's old

band The Wallers on It's About Time

and touring the still Communist Soviet

Union in 1985, where he recorded with

the top Soviet singer Aleksandr

Gradsky. The latter collaboration led

to Denver being dropped by his record

company RCA after General Electric,

which owned the label and was heavily involved in military contracts, objected

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His critics accused him of blandness

get the upper hand with the 1975 seasonal album, Rocky Mountain Christmas. A week at the London Palladium the following year resulted in a successful live album; he also appeared on television with Frank Sinatra and made his 1977 film debut with George Burns in the forgettable comedy Oh God.

As he moved further away from his folk roots he appealed more to family audiences. Thus, in 1979, he recorded the million-selling album A Christmas Together with the television puppet characters the Muppets, a move which finished him in the eyes of many serious music fans who had until then appreciated his craft as a songwriter. A temporary rift in their marriage. second Christmas show with the His middle-of-the-road leanings Muppets and Julie Andrews was to were always apparent and appeared to follow in 1987 and his seasonal tele-

ons For?). Denver set up his own tabel, Windstar, the name he also gave to the foundation which he established to pursue his ecological interests. These concerns were by now becoming more important than his musical career. which was running out of steam. He carried on touring and played a series of concerts in Britain earlier this year, but after 1987 he released just two new studio albums as the list of environmental causes he supported grew. The Wilderness Society. Friends of the Earth and the World Wildlife Fund all received his patronage, and Unicef benefited from the donation of song

He staged an exhibition of photographs of Rocky Mountain landscapes and wildlife at a Manhattan gallery and, branching into film-making, he won a quiver of awards for Rocky Mountain Reunion, a documentary about endangered species. He also made John Denver's Alaska: The America Child.

While General Electric may have objected to his political stance, the White House seemed less concerned, for in 1987 President Reagan presented Denver with the Presidential World Without Hunger Award, partly in recognition of the fact-finding trip he had made to Africa on behalf of the Hunger Project, a charitable trust dedicated to eradicating world poverty. In 1992 he turned up at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro to give a press conference with the Dalai Lama.

Denver also developed an interest in space exploration, becoming a member of the National Space Institute and the European Space Agency and, somewhat bizarrely, in 1988 suggested to Moscow that they should send him to the Mir space station. The Soviet authorities reportedly put a prohibitive ten million dollar ticket on the trip.

In recent years Denver's personal life was far from happy. He had divorced Annie, his first wife, and married the Australian singer and actress Cassandra Delaney, but in 1991 he filed for divorce again, asking for a temporary restraining order to bar her from his Aspen home. She levelled lurid allegations of abuse and bullying against him.

In 1993 he was charged with drunkdriving and had to perform 25 hours of public service. A year later he crashed his Porsche convertible in Aspen and was charged again with driving while under the influence.

An experienced pilot, Denver died when his single-engine plane crashed into Monterey Bay near San Francisco. He had bought a home in the area to be near his daughter Jesse and regularly flew out of the local airport.

He is survived by his two former wives and his daughter.

JONATHAN SILVER



Jonathan Silver with a work by his friend David Hockney

Jonathan Silver, patron of the arts, died of cancer on September 24, aged 47. He was born on October 21, 1949.

IONATHAN SILVER was an astute and unconventional entrepreneur whose last venture, Salt's Mill in Saltaire, Yorkshire, fused art and commerce together in a burgeoning business environment and revived the town.

Silver showed business acumen from an early age, selling stationery to schoolinends and in the 1970s establishing a chain of shops selling cheap, fashionable clothes to Mancunians. Describing himself as a 'creative, romantic capitalist", he was also impulsive, at one point dropping everything to report on the atrocities of Pol Pot's regime in Cambodia, and later taking his wife and two children around the world for three years.

A man who challenged traditional conventions, he was a great media showman whodid not mind getting his hands dirty to ensure that deadlines were met. His early death has robbed the arts of an ardent champion, and deprived commerce of the man who led the economic recovery of the Bradford satellite town of Saltaire.

Jonathan Silver's first home, with his parents, was a Bradford boarding house for Jewish refugees, run by his grandmother. He attended Bradford Grammar School, where was consistently bottom of the class, preferring

selling to studying. At the age of ten, despite anti-Semitic abuse at school, he was buying pens and pencils in bulk selling them singly at a profit. Then, for three years in work alone. his teens, he sold eggs to housewives by obtaining 1,200 of them per week from a local farmer and undercutting the market by sixpence. He spent

his lunch-hour attending auctions, where he was buying and selling regularly by the age of 15. While still at school, he decided to approach a local artist to design the front cover of his school magazine, and met David Hockney in his father's Wimpy Bar. Hockney agreed to do the cover.

Silver left school in 1967. and after a brief spell in Israel with the Israeli military in the aftermath of the Six Day War he returned to Yorkshire to attend Leeds University, where he studied textile management and art history. After graduating, he set up a

shop selling men's clothes in Manchester, where once again he undercut the market. Within a few years he had 13 shops across the North of England, and in 1978 he diversified by opening a shop with his younger brother, Robin, selling art and furniture in Manchester.

It was at this time that he met Ernest Hall, a textile manufacturer 20 years his senior. They became close friends, and together they began buying property. In 1983 they bought Dean Clough in Halifax, formerly Crossley's carpet factory, which

offered them 1.25 million sq ft of derelict space. But the partnership lasted only a year. As Hall says, Silver was an individual and preferred to

Silver sold his half of the mill to Hall, who was intent on transforming the site into a hive of commercial and artistic activity, with craftsmen and theatres working alongside businesses. With the profits from this sale. Silver took his family travelling, and they spent the next three years exploring the world.

They returned in 1987, and Silver threw himself into what was to be his last venture. He bought another disused Victorian textile factory, Salt's Mill, started by Sir Titus Salt who had built not only the mill but the town of Saltaire, with 850 workers' homes, a school and a church. Since the closure of the mill in the 1970s. the town had been in economic

The project was a struggle at first, and a deal to move the South Asia Collection of the Victoria and Albert Museum to the mill finally foundered; but the mill now houses information technology businesses alongside a theatre. restaurant and the Hockney Museum, the world's largest permanent " ... in of the artist's paintings. .st year the Regeneration Through Heritage programme was launched at Salt's Mill by the Prince of Wales.

Jonathan Silver leaves his widow, Maggie, and two daughters.

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ROY GODDEN Roy Godden, OBE,



he helped to equip British factories with suitable ma-chines and systems, and to train a new breed of technicians to work them. He also instigated courses in clothing and fashion colleges through out the country, and organised the first exhibitions of machinery for an industry which at the time employed 250,000

Rowland William James Godden was educated at Whitgift Middle School and the London School of Economics. where he took a BSc in economics in 1947. He then spent 25 years in the clothing industry, as chartered secretary, secretary and then Director of the Clothing Institute, which later became the Clothing and Footwear Institute.

When he began his career,

he recalled, he was often told that there was no such thing as the clothing industry: "It was just a name given to a collection of separate trades, such as tailoring, dress manu-facture, shirt-making, corsetry and so on. They all had separate trade associations, most had their own trade journals, and they regarded with some suspicion a new

clothing technologists." Many of the small businesses which did not recognise the

professional body dedicated to

recognition of the status of

need to organise in the face

of international competition went bust, but to others Godden showed a way forward. He helped the industry to make the most of government-sponsored bodies such as the Clothing Industry Dev-elopment Council and Train-

ing Board.

He brought together different kinds of expertise, drawing on the traditions of the old crafts, City and Guilds courses and the new polytechnics to organise proper training and technical qualifications. Perhaps his greatest achievement was to establish new qualifications that are recognised worldwide.

He was appointed OBE in 1977 for services to education in the industry. He was also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and was awarded the freedom of the City of London. After suffering a heart at-

tack, Godden retired from the clothing industry, and together with Ken Clark formed a company in 1982 to publish the trade magazines Apparel International, Career Secretary, Explosives Engineer and Office & Information Technology. The company was wound up in 1992.

Godden was always deeply involved in local organisations, and was a committed Christian. After his retirement in 1981 he served as a governor of Benson School and as chairman of Edenham High School.

He was also chairman of the Shirley Short Mat Bowls Club, and organised many bowls events.

When his wife, Pat, became ill with kidney failure, and needed a transplant, he not only cared for her, but became involved with the South West Thames Kidney Fund. As the fund's honorary treasurer, he helped to raise £500,000 for a suite of renal research laboratories at St Helier Hospital. Carshalton.

He is survived by his wife Pat and two sons.

A WAR-TIME ZOO STOCK OF ANIMALS RETAINED

From Our Special Corresponden Large numbers of the public still believe that the London Zoo is closed, in spite of many notices in the Press to the contrary and a recent broadcast. Actually the Gardens were only closed in the early days of September, and have now been open again for a month. The public have the further impression that many of the Zoo's important animals have been destroyed or evacuated. The actual fact is that an ordinary visitor to the Gardens to-day would scarcely notice any difference in its stock of animal inhabitants. The comprehensiveness and completeness of the collection has been in no way impaired by the destruction of a few redundant and mostly elderly animals. In the aquarium and reptile house alone can any serious change be

As for evacuation, this has taken place on a small scale, and the only notable absentees are the giant pandas and the riding elephants. All the rest of the Zoo's rare and curious creatures are still at Regent's Park, and the Zoo authorities have no intention of letting them go. This week some of those lew who ON THIS DAY

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London Zoo was closed briefly in the early days of the Second World War. By October 1939, however, some of the animals that had been moved to Whipsnade had returned to Regent's Park

were originally evacuated to Whipsnade have returned to Regent's Park. These include the two orang-utans, some spoonbills, cariamas and tantalus storks, as well as a fine group of eight crowned pigeons, which are now housed in the pheasantries. This return does not mark any change of policy, since the birds had been sent to Whipsnade for the summer weather only, and the orang-utans had only left until such time as the monkey house had settled down to a routine suitable to its reduced staff. A few birds of a kind which could safely be trusted to look after themselves have been released in Regent's Park. These include some kites; yesterday one was flying

over the Gardens much to the interest of a flock of starlings, which, though it could not be said to have been mobbing the kite, was following it about intently. A pair of kestrels have also been released, several jays, magpies and jackdaws, and some of the common herons from the southern aviary. One of these last-named birds attracted admiring attention from members of the public crossing one of the bridges over Regent's Canal. The bird was stalking majestically along the kerb of the canal catching innumerable small date with swift darts of its beak. Among the first war babies at the Zoo were a pair of twin African crested porcupines, of which the survivor is doing extremely well.

The Society's Library is now open again to Fellows after its statutory month for cleaning. In this case, however, cleaning has meant a very large reorganization. Many of the valuable runs of journals (which make the Zoo one of the most comprehensive private 200logical libraries in the world) have been moved to the basement, and a new temporary index has been prepared, so that Fellows will have little delay in getting the books they want. As previously reported, a few four only a few) irreplaceable books have been transferred to a safe place in the country.

The story so far....

Did you watch the big game? Naturally. It makes you proud to be English, doesn't it?

Or Scottish, of course.

Or even Irish. I took advantage of player revaluation to sign Jason McAteer last week. My heart swelled with pride to see one of my players taking the field in the greatest competition in the world.

At the moment. But I confidently expect to see a number of my lads out there in France when the time comes. Emile Heskey has been doing consistently well for the under-21s, and I've got a couple of French internationals on board, so they have been guaranteed their

place. Petit is a French name, isn't it? The breadth of your knowledge of world football new er ceases to amaze me.

Just checking. After all, it is important for managers to have a world view in these post-Bosman days of international transfers. I even looked on a map to see where Leeds was the other day. Does Robert Molenaar play for Holland, by the way?
I'm afraid not. You don't get any extra ITF points for

international appearances or goals, so don't get carried

Pity, that. But it's not just about points, you know. I was thinking of the cachet, the kudos . . . At least your vocabulary has an international flavour.

But you don't sound much like a football manager. It's probably because there hasn't been much opportunity to feel like a football manager this week. Only two premier league games in England and Scotland put

together, in fact. You could have transferred one or two players in specially for the one game and then sold them again afterwards. It's not as if you're in the real world, where managers have to worry about whether a player's kids are settled at school, house prices . . .

I know, but it seems slightly false, doesn't it?
I'm not sure I know what you mean. It doesn't happen in real life, does it?

Stranger things than that have happened. Arsenal bought Clive Allen and sold him on to Crystal Palace before he'd made a single league appearance for them. They decided they'd rather have a full-back instead. Every competition has rules, after all. There's nothing wrong in playing to them.

True: but to spend, say, £7 million on a player just for him to score, maybe, one goal . . Did someone mention Stan Collymore? Perhaps I'll have a look at those lists . . .

Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham club captain and

former England player, analyses his ITF team

NO-ONE will have felt more pride in the qualification of the England team for France 98 than Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur central defender and club captain, who won i6 full England caps as well as playing nine 'B' internationals and seven under-21 games. His verdict: "An excellent performance: we did the job perfectly."

Last season was a frustrating one for the popular Mabbutt, a broken leg in the opening fixture against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park meaning that he took no further part in the action, but he is back to fitness and made his return to the Tottenham team last month.

in his role as a manager in the PFA section of Interactive Team Football, Mabbutt chose two of Glenn Hoddle's Rome heroes, Tony Adams of Arsenal and Paul Gascoigne of Rangers, in his team, "Singitta Spurs". (The word singina means "the miracle" in the South African shangaan tongue, local to the Kruger National Park, where Gary and his wife were

Over the seasons, Adams and Mabbutt, as captains of the two great north London rivals, have faced each other in countless derby matches, including two Wembley FA Cup semi-finals, with honours coming out about even. "I've got a lot of respect for Tony," Mabbutt said. "He has got his fair quota of goals too, over the years." Adams can also be relied upon to score points for clean sheets and victories in



the coming months now that he has recovered full fitness, especially if Arsène Wenger's

ship of the Premiership. Gascoigne, who scored a famous free-kick goal in the first of those Wembley occasions, was a team-mate of Mabbutt's for several seasons before Gascoigne's own seri-

team maintain their leader-

ous injury and subsequent transfer to Lazio, and left a lasting impression. "An exciting player: I'd always have him in my side." Mabbutt said. As a goalscoring midfield player in a Rangers team expected to win most of its matches. Gascoigne should continue to be an asset. Neither Gascoigne nor Ad-

ams have contributed as many points to the total as Gary Neville, who was on the England bench in Rome. His part in Manchester United's outstanding defensive record has been worth 23 points so far, a contribution to the Mabbutt XI bettered only by the man behind him, Peter Schmeichel, who remains the ITF top scorer with 56 points. The team is let down chiefly

by the forwards. Neither lain Dowie of West Ham United nor Gordon Durie of Glasgow Rangers have set their divi-sions alight. "Chris Sutton would have been the player to pick, if one had the foresight," Mabbutt admitted, settling for replacing the injured Julian Dicks with Dan Petrescu. "I've been unlucky with

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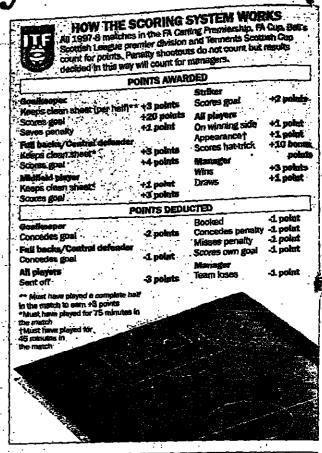
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GARY MABBUTTS ITF TEAM



Mabbutt his ITF team is impressive in defence but needs strengthening up front. "Chris Sutton would have been the player to pick, if one had the foresight", he admitted



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October revaluations may offer transfer opportunities

ONLY two matches have been played since last week -Derby v Leicester, and Motherwell v Kilmarnock - so only players from these four teams have changes.

revaluation. Players in your team whose prices are listed in bold can now only be transferred at those prices; this may mean that the total value of

lion, but you do not have to make transfers to restore the £35 million total. In effect, your judgment (or lack of it) has boosted (or cut) the value of your squad, and you can ■ The player lists on the now make transfers according opposite page include values to the new value of your ITF based on the October player team.

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Your full guide to ITF players and transfers

The weekend's World Cup results mean that players will be even keener to catch their national manager's eye

The World Cup may be eight months away, but the effects of this weekend's qualifying match results will be felt throughout the English and Scottish premier leagues - and, therefore, in Interactive Team Football.
Between now and the begin-

ning of the tournament in France, players on the fringes of the victorious England and Scotland squads will be doing Scottano squans will be domg everything in their power to catch the eye of Glenn Hoddle or Craig Brown, while even fairly established internation-als will be out to ensure that their places are not usurped by up and coming talent

Hoddle has stated that places are by no means set in stone: strong motivation, then, for players like Chris Sutton of Blackburn Rovers, to continue the early-season form which has already brought him 41 ITF points, and for Stan Collymore (only 12 points so far) to find the goals and the performances to justify his membership of Hoddle's 22.

Other strong contenders in the ITF lists are Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham central defender, despite a minus points total, and Emile Heskey, the Leicester City forward: two young players who seem certain to make full international debuts before the end of the season. Injury problems have affected the chances of Liverpool's Rob Jones, Andy Hinchcliffe of



Spurs, not to mention Jamie Redknapp.

The Scotland squad appears more cut and dried, but the fitness of Celtic's Darren Jackson will be under scrutiny, and Alan Main, the Hearts goalkeeper, has a chance.

Republic of Ireland players, who were never likely to finish above Romania in group eight, are happy to have qualified for a play-off, but will there be a post-Rome hangover among the disappointed Italian players currently playing in Britain? Attilio Lombardo, Gianfranco Zola and Roberto Di Matteo will be directly involved in the Italy's twolegged play-off against Russia, and may find their form



Everton, and Les Ferdinand of by the tension involved. Other Italian exiles, in conrespond to inevitable dressingroom ribbing with enhanced performances: so now might be the time to look at Eranio of Derby County. Alessandro Pistone of Newcastle, or Benito Carbone and Paolo Di Canio of Sheffield Wednesday as transfer targets. Marco Negri of Rangers will find the Scottish dressing-rooms equally unforgiving. Wales and Northern Ireland

have both had several months to get used to the idea of failing to qualify, but some traditionally strong countries will also be staying at home: Sweden, for instance. Watch out for Henrik Larsson of Celtic cheering himself up with a goal or two.



Under scrutiny: Jackson of Celtic, above left, and Hinchcliffe of Everton

TRANSFERS

No changes to ITF this week

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 \square EACH TEAM that was entered at the start of the season was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the

☐ THE LINE is open now and will remain open for the rest of the season. You may only make transfers by using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need ten digits for your PIN which you will have to tap in (not speak). Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players that you are transferring.

☐ YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of transfers.

☐ TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

☐ YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score

☐ CALLS COST 50p per minute and calls from a telephone box cost approximately twice as much.

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Preview: A two-part documentary about the royal family of Monaco begins with the courtship of Grace

Kelly by Prince Rainier (Network First: The Grimaldi Dynasty, ITV,

10.40pm). Review: Joe Joseph finds

Prince Among Men (BBCI) ham-

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The question that must swiftly be addressed is how to prevent any

repetition in next year's World Cup

in France, when far more English

football supporters will cross the

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NEWS

Belfast loyalist crowd jostles Blair

Tony Blair was jostled and heckled by a crowd of loyalists in East Belfast last night after he became the first Prime Minister in three-quarters of a century to meet Irish republican leaders.

About 100 protesters shouted "traitor", "scum" and "shame" as the Prime Minister attempted an ill-advised walkabout in a shopping centre less than an hour after shaking hands with Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's president, and Martin McGuinness, its chief negotiator, at the Stormont peace talks Pages 1, 21

Cook storm clouds Queen's visit

A row over remarks by Robin Cook threatened to overshadow the Queen's state visit to India. Indian officials objected to his offer to Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's Prime Minister, and Gohar Ayub Khan, the Foreign Minister, to help to find a "just

Appeal to fans Babies at risk Two senior surgeons carried out complicated heart operations on babies when they must have known that far too many of their patients were dying, the General

Medical Council heard Page 3 John Denver dies

John Denver, 53, one of the most successful American folk singers of his generation, was killed when an "experimental" aircraft he was piloting crashed off Northern California...... Page 5

Dog owner banned

A pastor has been banned from keeping dogs for two years after a court was told that she tried to heal her alsatian through the power of prayer as it lay injured in the road. Page 6

Dome rises

The Millennium Dome began to rise from a patch of Greenwich wasteland. Its creators insisted that the project would be on time and within budgetPage 7

Footballer sues

A former England Under-21 footballer whose leg was broken by a tackle launched a compensation claim which could have widespread repercussions Page 8

Dawn duel on air

After the first round of the Chris Evans (Virgin Radio) and Zoe Ball/Kevin Greening (Radio I) breakfast-time match Peter Barnard puts Evans ahead ... Page 9

Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, asked all English fans who were hurt during the match in Rome to write to him about the treatment they received from their Italian ...Pages 10, 21

Asylum on the river

A consortium of five London boroughs is considering housing hundreds of homeless asylumseekers on the Thames in a floating hotel made from offshore oil platforms...

World on fire

Fears for the world's great woodlands and their wildlife increased as huge fires were blazing in Indonesia, the Amazon basin. northwestern China and Western

Gates backs gun ban

Bill Gates, the software tycoon. has thrown his wealth behind an attempt to impose new curbs on guns in the West Coast state of

Kohl on the stump

Helmut Kohl launched Germany's longest election campaign with a party conference speech to reassure his Christian Democratic Union supporters Page 16

Mossad outcry

Opposition members of the Knesset called for the resignation of Binyamin Netanyahu in a debate about a bungled Mossad

Veggie scholars miss their greens

■ Two £1,000 scholarships for vegetarians to Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire have been unclaimed for at least four years. The school, where fees are £13,000 a year, has promoted a meat-free diet since the Edwardian era. The headmaster said: "It's a puzzle. Perhaps we haven't marketed them as much as our music, drama and sporting scholarships"...



Captain Fidelix Datson at the Ministry of Defence yesterday when the Army launched a drive for ethnic minority recruits. Page I

Merger: Reed Elsevier has agreed a £17.5 billion merger with Wolters Kluwer. It is likely to put its IPC magazine division up for sale if the deal goes ahead......Page 27

Rediand bid: The embattled UK building materials company has rejected a surprise £1.67 billion takeover bid from Lafarge, its

Coal jobs: The industry says that 4,000 jobs could be lost and eight pits closed if the Government refuses to intervenePage 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 gained 72.8 points to close at 5300.1. The pound

strengthened by 0.31 cents against the dollar to \$1.6236, and rose from DM 2.8365 to DM 2.8426. The sterling index rose to 100.4 from

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Football: Arsène Wenger, manager of Arsenal, will rest at least eight first team players for the match against Birmingham in the Coca-Cola Cup, a competition which he believes is in danger of becoming extinct ...

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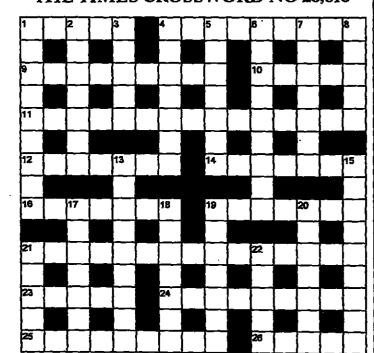
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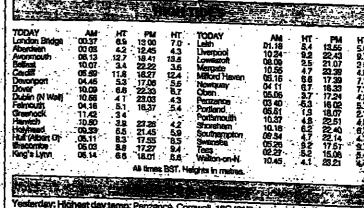
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Reed set to sell IPC after merger

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

REED ELSEVIER, the international information group, is expected to put its IPC maga-zine division up for sale with a £800 million tag once it com-pletes the £17 billion merger with Wolters Kluwer, the Dutch publishers, which it

revealed yesterday. The combined group will create the world's largest pro-fessional and scientific publishers with sales in 1996 of more than £5 billion and market value of more than £17 billion. The news was greeted enthusaistically by the London and Amsterdam markets. The share price of Reed International jumped 97p to close at 629p. This took the stock back to where it had been before the

company announced problems in the Reed Travel Group concerning apparent "overclaimed" circulation figapparent ures for travel directories. Wolters Kluwer rose by more than 10 per cent to 265.7 guilders (£83) and Elsevier put

co-chairman of Reed Elsevier. said yesterday of the proposed merger which will bring to-gether 42,000 employees worldwide: This is a marriage made in heaven.

Under the new structure Mr Stapleton and Herman Bruggink, the other Reed Elsevier co-chairman, will become co-deputy chief executives and the top job of chief executive of the merged group will go to Cornelis Brakkel chairman of the executive board of Wolters Kluwer. Mr Stapleton said the best man for the job" had been chosen by the non-executives and that he was more interested in job challenge and opportunity than job titles.

Sir Christopher Lewington, chairman of TI, will become chairman of Reed International which will retain its separate UK quote. Under the new structure

Reed shareholders will have a 38.3 per cent stake. Elsevier, 34.2 per cent and Wolters



Nigel Stapleton, co-chairman of Reed Elsevier, greeted the link with Wolters Kluwer as "a merger made in heaven"

Kluwer 27.5 per cent. Both sides emphasised that the merger was designed to create a global information company but a shift of power towards Amsterdam seems inevitable Regulatory approval will be

needed in Washington and Brussels but seems likely to be granted because of the complementary nature of the businesses. Wolters Kluwer is much stronger than Reed Elsevier in The Netherlands

and the rest of Europe outside of the UK. Forty-three per cent of Wolters Kluwers sales last year came from specialist tax oublications, an area where Reed is barely represented. The combination of two

has been to specialise in "must have" professional and scientific information will make IPC's stable of 70 magazines which inluded Loaded. Women's Own and Country Life,

Stapleton said yesterday: "Obviously it's an issue in that when there is an exception to our strategy, just as there is to the Wolters Kluwers strategy, then it is more of an issue than when it is entirely in line with

strategy."
The Reed Elsevier co-chairman said last night that no decision had been taken to sell IPC. All the signs are that, thanks to changes in the tax regime in the UK, Reed is able to sell IPC, raising about £800

The money raised will help to fund the merged group's geographical expansion into Central Europe and the Asia Pacific region and the increasing drive towards electronic

It will also complete the transormation of Reed in the past 12 years, which has seen it move out of its traditional business of newspapers, consumer magazines and printing and into the world of professional publishing.

Hanson-RMC ready to fight for Redland

HANSON and RMC Group are believed to be considering countering the hostile £1.67 billion bid for Redland, the beleaguered roofing tiles company, tabled yesterday by Lafarge, the leading French building materials

group.
Neither Hanson, now centred on its aggregates and brick businesses, nor RMC, the world's leading maker of ready mixed concrete, would comment on their intentions. However, Redland's shares ended the day at 336½ p. ahead of Lafarge's opening shot of 320p a share, suggesting investors expect a better offer.

Some City analysts believe Lafarge is already offering a generous price for a company that has disappointed over the last few years. Redland's latest poor results only two weeks ago prompted many shareholders to call for Robert Napier, the chief executive, to

Lafarge's offer is 24 per cent above Regland's closing share seeking a "white knight" bid-price last Friday, and a third der. A veteran of hostile take-higher than the 240p price in overs. Mr Agnew secured a the market before the first better price for Consolidated Gold Fields before surrender ing to Hanson, and successfulweek Rúdolph Agnew, Redland's chairman, had publicly defeated a bid for Lasmo. the oil company. acknowledged that the com-

pany was vulnerable to a bid. Redland said the Lafarge Lafarge was already in talks with Redland about a joint venture with Granulats, its offer "totally fails" to recognise poorly performing aggregates the British company's value. Mr Agnew said Lafarge had not sought to win Rediand's business in France, and the possible acquisition of its backing for its offer before he received a courtesy call from French concrete business.

Rediand does not have full control of its most important business, Redland Braas Building, the roofing business the bidder on Sunday evening. He suggested this probably reflected the bad influence of centred on Germany. Braas family interests still hold a 44 their merchant bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. He added: "Merchant banks per cent stake in RBB. Helga always encourage their clients Bruhn-Braas, daughter of the to go hostile, and encourage founder of the German roofing group and a non-executive Mr Agnew committed himdirector of Redland, was not self to seeking a better deal for his shareholders, and said he willing to comment.



Rudolph Agnew had noted Redland's vulnerability

Arnault backs link and gains £250m

By Dominic Walsh

BERNARD ARNAULT, the chairman of LVMH, the French luxury goods group, has extracted £250 million from Guinness and Grand Metropolitan as the price for giving his backing to their proposed £24 billion

M Arnault, the biggest shareholder in both companies, yes terday called a surprise halt to his five-month campaign to derail the merger, paving the way for the creation of GMG Brands in January, Guinness shares rose 282p to 6052p and GrandMet 21p to 604p.

M Armault will terminate arbitration proceedings and be-come a non-executive director of GMG Brands, holding an 11 per cent stake. The 60p-a-share "super dividend" promised under the original merger terms is worth a further £300 million. The network of distribution joint ventures between Guin-ness and LVMH's Moët Hennessy drinks arm will be extended to include GrandMet's IDV business. This will produce

estimated annual savings of £20 million for GMG, and a similar figure for LVMH. The structure of Moët Hennessy, in which LVMH holds 66 per cent and Guinness 34 per cent. will remain unchanged. M Amault had sought to

force Guinness and Grand-Met to combine their drinks divisions with Moet Hennessy in a separately quoted company, while spinning off Bur-ger King, Guinness Brewing and the Pillsbury food business. "I am not in the business of creating conflict," he said. "I am in the business of creating wealth. You have to be pragmatic."

Tony Greener, Guinness chairman, denied that the £250 million LVMH would receive was simply a payoff to secure M Arnault's backing. This is value-creating stuff, said Mr Greener. The resultant cost savings will more than pay it back."

Give aid or lose eight pits, says coal industry

[them] to underbid."

would consider options in-

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE coal industry yesterday claimed that 4,000 mining jobs could be lost if the Government continues to ignore pleas for support. Richard Budge, chief executive of RIB, the biggest coal company, led a delegation to Whitehall to give warning that without help, eight pits could close.

The campaign, timed to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the closure of 31 nits by

fifth anniversary of the closure of 31 pits by the Conservatives, wants a moratorium on new gas-fired power stations and help for clean coal rechnology. RJB is in talks with the electricity generators for new contracts to replace those established by the Government, which expire in March 1998.

The move by the Confederation of UK Coal Producers comes amid growing signs of unrest among Labour backbenchers over the reluctance of the Prime Minister and the Department of Trade and Industry to offer coal any help. Kevin Barron, Labour MP for

Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Then he said: "Our gas reserves will only last into the start of the next century, but our coal reserves could supply Britain's energy needs beyond the end of the next century. Letting the pits close now ... would be short-termism on a criminal scale." Yesterday the confederation held talks with Geoffrey Norris, a former adviser to Mr Cook who is now a member of Mr Blair's policy team.

Waterstone to present new WH Smith plan

TIM WATERSTONE will present revised takeover proposals to the chairman and chief executive of WH Smith today. Mr Waterstone will be accompanied by Ian Martin, the chairman of Unigate and his partner in this deal. They will meet Richard Handover, who took over as chief executive of WH Smith less than a month ago, and Jeremy Hardie, chairman.

Mr Handover threw out Mr Waterstone's first proposal ten days ago, but has come under pressure from shareholders to consider the revised plans. Mr Waterstone is believed to have scaled down the cash handout to shareholders and to have altered proposals relating to Daisy & Tom, his children's store, reducing its valuation to £9 million from £35 million.

Slow retail sales growth eases interest rate fears

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

THE likelihood of further interest rises receded yesterday after it emerged that high street sales growth slowed sharply in September. The British Retail Consortium monthly sales monitor showed growth falling from 3.9 per cent in August to 2.1 per cent — the smallest rise since April last year. The BRC said the closure of many shops

for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales,

had resulted in a £230 million sales loss, even

after excluding the week of the funeral, sales rose by an annual rate of only 3.4 per cent well below the trend earlier this year. Spending on household goods, furniture,

carpets and electronic goods slowed sharply, while the warm weather also hit sales of clothing. A slowdown in retail sales is likely to ease pressure for a further rate rise next month, if the BRC's findings are reflected in official data next week.

Separate data published yesterday showed

factory gate prices remaining subdued. Output prices rose at an annual rate of 1.4 per cent in September, compared with 1.5 per cent in August. Raw material prices declined 7.8 per cent from September last year. But the data had little impact on a stock market fuelled by a flurry of merger activity. The FTSE 100 closed up 72.8 at 5,300.1, while the Dow Jones had risen by

35.12 to 8,080.33 by lunchtime.

A Merrill Lynch Gallup survey of fund managers showed institutions believe that the rally in gilt prices is now over and are venturing back into Wall Street for the first time in three years. The survey, conducted after reports that the UK is preparing for an early entry into EMU prompted a sharp rise in gilt prices, showed that gilt buying has fallen away for the first time in six months. UK institutions are also moving out of Asian markets and back into Wall Street.

BUSINESS TODAY

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Shares soar as BAT confirms tie-up talks

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services company, climbed to a record after the company confirmed that merger talks with Zurich Group were "at an advanced stage".

The stock rose 58p to 609p However, even if the deal is successful, listing particulars are unlikely to be published until next April, according to company insiders. This is because of the large number of regulatory hurdles that both parties must overcome in the UK and US.

A spokesman for BAT Industries said the shares would continue to be listed and traded in the UK. Shareholders would be asked to vote on any proposals next year.

Meanwhile, other insurers. including Commercial Union, General Accident, Royal Sun-Alliance and Guardian, also

rose strongly.

Analysts said the combined financial services company would have a market value of between £20 billion and £22 billion. Some were sceptical about the benefits of the tieup, saying BAT was fortunate to have found a buyer for a financial services division which has a reputation of "not

being very good quality". A merger would bring Zurich's US asset management companies together with BAT's financial services subsidiaries: Farmers of the US, Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and Threadneedle asset management in the UK.

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Confidence falters

in building industry

HOPES of a construction boom have weakened as realisation has grown in the industry that the Government will not relax

nas grown in the industry that the Government will not relax tight spending limits. In spite of a growth in construction output during the third quarter the expectations of future workload fell among chartered surveyors in construction. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' quarterly survey showed that a net balance of 47 per cent expect construction activity to increase in the coming year. This

construction activity to increase in the coming year. This compares with 64 per cent who forecast a rise three months previously. The net balance is the difference between those reporting an increase in confidence against those reporting a decrease.

decrease. Some 57.1 per cent expected an increase, 34.9 per cent predicted no change while 8 per cent expected a decline in business. Building output rose by 7 per cent in the third quarter and was 19 per cent up on the previous year.

Richard Houghton, RICS construction industry spokesman, said. "As it because described the Dick administration."

man, said: "As it becomes clear that the Blair administration will stick to the public: spending levels set by the Conservatives, and there will be no immediate injection of funds into infrastructure projects, the industry is clearly scaling down expectations of a construction boom."

MEYER INTERNATIONAL is in talks about the

MEYER INTERNATIONAL is in talks about the acquisition of Harcros, the builders' merchant division of Harrisons & Crosfield. The acquisition, which could cost more than £300 million, would be funded through bank debt and the issue of new shares. H&C also revealed yesterday that it would suffer a £38 million pre-tax loss on the £40 million (\$65 million) sale of Lumber and Building

Supplies, part of its Moore US subsidiary. Meyer shares fell 82p to 4232p. H&C rose 6p to 1362p. Tempus, page 30

Safeway's Ulster debut

NORTHERN IRELAND'S first fully fledged Saleway store should be opening its doors in time for Christmas,

Meyer-Harcros talks

The North South divide is returning, says study

By Alasdair Murray ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE consumer spending boom has re-opened the North/South economic divide, according to a new report out today.

Business Strategies, the economics forecasting group, found that the economy in the South is roaring ahead on the back of strong growth in the services secfor, but that manufacturingintensive regions in the north of the country are struggling under the weight

of the strong pound.
The report forecasts that growth in private services will hit around 6.4 per cent this year, compared with growth of just 1.7 per cent

in manufacturing.

London is leading the way, with growth predicted to reach 5 per cent this year, above even the best levels seen in the 1980s. The South East, the South West and the East Midlands will also enjoy growth of more than 3.3 per cent on the back of strong consumer spending.

In contrast, Wales will grow by just 1.1 per cent this year, while Yorkshire and Humberside, the North West and the North will also suffer growth rates well below the nat-

ional average. Neil Blake, research director of Business Strategies, said: "After a number of years when the greater mobility of service industries produced a more even regional spread of the gains from economic growth, this year's consumer boom is definitely producing a pattern akin the old North/South

divide." East Anglia, a star performer in the 1980s, has bucked the trend as regional rationalisation of the financial services sector has held back growth. Scotland has enjoyed above average growth bement from the electronics industry, although the report says that the investment has created few extra

Business Strategies be-lieves that overall UK growth is set to slow sharply next year because of the strong pound, monetary tightening and the end of the windfall effect. The report argues that the economy should enjoy a "soft landing", with growth slowing from 3.4 per cent this year to 2 per cent in 1998.



David Varney, chief executive of BG, which sold its gasfields in the East Irish Sea to a US company in a deal worth £98.5 million

Such an approach would not

lead companies to make big

changes, whereas a high mini-mum 'will clearly result in ris-

could, with partial restoration of pay differentials, could cost

up to 250,000 jobs, the CBI

The Government is urging

the commission to consider ex-

empting all people under 25, but the CBI says that an

exemption should only apply

that the commission should

work on a permanent basis,

The CBI and the TUC agree

to all those under 19.

CBI sounds warning on minimum pay level

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

SFA appoints chief | DBS helps with bill

for final two years | for pension review

MINISTERS need to set a "modest" minimum wage if they want to avoid "serious" job losses, business leaders say today.

However. Britain's unions argue today that there is no evidence that a minimum wage will have a "devastating" impact on jobs, and that it should be set at "somewhat above £4 an hour."

Low Pay Commission, set up by the Government to advise it on the level at which Labour's proposed statutory minimum wage should be set. In the Commission's first

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will today give evidence to the

session, Adair Turner, CBI Director-General, and John Monks, TUC General Secretary, will put the business and union cases to it.

In advance of today's meet-ing, Mr Turner said that there is compelling evidence that a minimum wage with a wide-spread effect could cause significant job losses. "Even a modest minimum, set around the E3 mark, could lead to job Business and union leaders losses if wage differentials are restored," he said.

The CBI says that a minimum wage should be used to create a "floor" for the labour market rather than be aimed at significantly raising pay.

but the TUC insists in its evidence that any employment effect of a national minimum ing prices, business closures and unemployment. A high minimum of about £4.40

wage hovers around zero.

Noting that unions have been reaching deals for more than £4 an hour, the TUC says: "Progress made towards the collective bargaining target suggests that a minimum vage level of somewhat above

64 an hour is practical."

The TUC rejects a minimum wage differentiated by sector or region, and attacks the idea of an "arbitrary" age exemption of people up to 25, which, it says, might encour-age employers to exploit youn-ger workers as cheap labour.

to Texans

BY CHRISTING BUCKLEY

BG, the pipeline and explora-tion division of the former British Gas, has sold its gasfields in the East Irish Sea to a US company in a deal worth E98.5 million.

The sale, to Burlington Resources, of Texas, is part of a big programme of disposals by BG, which will today hear new proposals from the industry regulator for the pricing mula for Transco, its pipe line business. The two sides are at odds over a revenue cap based on volumes in the latest twist in a long dispute largely settled by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC)

several months ago. BG, of which David Varney is chief executive, signalled a substantial disposals pro-gramme after the MMC ruling by pledging that it would hive off non-core operations. The East Irish Sea interests, which include ten operated and four non-operated blocks, were decided to be non-core to BG after the Morecambe Bay field, the nearest exploration and development area, was given to Centrica — the supply half of British Gas — in the demerger early this year.

Frank Chapman, executive director responsible for BG's exploration and production, said: "The sale of these properties represents a key milestone in our programme of rationalising our portfolio so as to focus effort on growth assets."

The sale is subject to approval by the Department of Trade and Industry.

BG sells Irish Sea gasfields

according to Fitzvilton, the Irish partner in Safeway's supermarkets joint venture. Safeway paid £65 million in June for nine Wellworth stores owned by Fitzwilton, the holding company of Tony O'Reilly. Fitzwilton's pre-tax profits fell to Ir£4.27 million (£3.86 million) from Ir£5.1 million in the civ months to Ive 30. The interim dividend million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend, due January 30, is increased 5 per cent to Irl.15p a share. Bisichi ahead at halfway

BISICHI MINING, the company that finances the development of international coalmining operations with surplus income from its UK retail property portfolio valued at £5.9 million, reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £75.000 to £190,000 for the six months to June 30. Turnover rose by 33 per cent from £1.5 million to £2 million and earnings per share rose by 22 per cent from 0.73p to 0.89p. The company said profits had been boosted by its part-owned Black Wattle Colliery in South Africa. No interim dividend will be paid.

CRH expands in US

CRH, the building materials group based in the Republic of Ireland, is acquiring the New York Trap Rock Corporation for \$40 million (£24.2 million) from Lone Stars Industries. The business has two quarries in southern New York state with reserves of more than 330 million tonnes. Last year the company sold 4.7 million tonnes of aggregates. Sales totalled \$48.2 million (£30 million) and the trading profit was \$3.6 million. CRH says the acquisition will complement the New York operations of its Oldcastle Materials Group subsidiary.

Tay helped by disposal

TAY HOMES, the housebuilder based in Leeds, reported pre-tax profits of E7.9 million for the year to June 30, helped by a £2.8 million exceptional profit from a disposal. In the previous year pre-tax profits were £1.12 million. Adjusted earnings rose to 11.3p a share from 2.5p. The total dividend rises to 7.5p a share from 7p, with a 5.8p final. The shares rose 6p to 152½p. Turnover from continuing operations improved to £131.5 million from £110 million, lifting trading profits to £8.65 million from £4.4 million.

Tesco buys two stores

TESCO, Britain's largest supermarket group, is building up its presence in the South West of England by buying two stores in Somerset. Tesco will pay up to £4.9 million — equal to the net asset value of the supermarkets — in shares for the 8,000 sq ft store in Lympsham owned by Sanders Supermarkets and its 16,000 sq ft store in Burnham. Tesco will initially allot 846,170 of its shares, worth £3.9 million, with the balance to be paid if a review of the Sanders Supermarkets balance sheet proves satisfactory.

Nordic banks merge

NORDBANKEN, Sweden's third-largest bank, and Merita, the largest bank in Finland, are to merge, creating the Nordic region's biggest bank, worth around £6.53 billion. It will be among the top ten Nordic companies. MeritaNordbanken will be owned 60 per cent by Nordbanken and 40 per cent by Merita. Voting rights will be equal. The merger is expected to give savings of £78 million a year for three years. About 600 jobs will be lost in each bank. Restructuring costs are

Rugby's stake in Poland

RUGBY GROUP, the UK building materials company, is to invest up to £60.5 million for a controlling stake in Cementownia Chelm, one of Poland's leading cement manufacturers. Rugby has acquired an initial 34.3 per cent interest for £15.4 million and has an option to increase ownership to 75 per cent. Cementownia has an annual capacity of two million tonnes and a national market share of 10 per cent. A new cement plant with an annual capacity of 1.6. million tonnes is due for completion in mid-1999

launched next year. Mr Woodburn, 50, was to watch, we still have crupreviously deputy chief ex-ecutive of The Securities cial legal obligations to meet for a while yet. Chris is the right man to ensure that Association, the predecessor SFA's reputation remains in of the SFA. He will now steer the frontline regulator

Nicholas Durlacher, the

SFA chairman, said: "The operations, to take over as chief executive after the de-parture of Richard Farrant to NewRo, the new financial range of his regulatory experiences in this country is near matchless and though, quite understandably. services regulator being NewRo will be the regulator

authority.

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

DBS, the UK's biggest net-THE Securities and Futures in its final two years of work of independent financial advisers, has agreed to pay some of the administra-tion costs of the personal pensions review on behalf of its firms.

Ken Davy, DBS chairman, said the company had decided to bear additional costs of El 2 million after member firms had threatened to leave the network. Mr Davy said: The extra costs are for sending out the letters and carry-

the review." The company has already been fined a total £425,000 by the Personal Investment Auth-

ing out the administration for

By CAROLINE MERRELL

ority, because of the slow progress in reviewing cases of those that could have been missold a personal pension. Despite the additional costs DBS said turnover was up 35 per cent in the six months to September 30. DBS expects the review to cost it £3.4 million for the year to March 31 1998.

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Rhône-Poulenc set for drugs revival

By PAUL DURMAN

RHÔNE-POULENC, the French pharmaceuticals and chemicals group, is set to benefit from a strong pipeline of new drugs and a revival of profits in its chemicals business, London investors were told yesterday. Rhone-Poulenc is seeking to

raise at least Fr6.7 billion (£700 million) through a share and warrants issue. This is part of a switch from chemicals to pharmaceuticals that has already seen the group buy the bulk of the minority holding in Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, its US-quoted drugs arm. The group, which two years ago bought Fisons for £1.8 billion, hopes to take adventage of the high greet. advantage of the high stock market valuations enjoyed by drugs companies.

Igor Landau, group president, said he saw big potential for growth from new or extended drugs such as the anti-thrombotic Lovenox, the Taxotere cancer drug and a new antibiotic. Pasteur Mérieux Connaught, the vac-cines arm, will benefit from a vaccine that protects against six child diseases.

Jean-René Fourtou, chair man and chief executive, said he expects improved results from the group's chemical business, which is to be re-named Rhodia. Like ICI, Rhône-Poulenc is concentrat-ing on higher margin special-ity chemicals businesses. Rhône-Poulenc will retain a

substantial majority holding in Rhodia when the company is floated next year.

FTSE considers new sector for technology companies

By Adam Jones

BRITAIN'S technology companies are likely to discover tomorrow whether they are to be granted their own stock

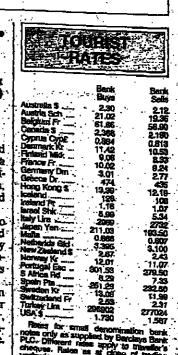
market sector. In the classification system run by the FTSE International anisation recognised that technology stocks have become a big selling point for USeachanorganisation, technology stocks in London are currently ges such as Nasdate, which houses Microsoft and Intel. sprinkled across several sectors, including engineering and support services. Tomorrow, a FTSE commit-

The steering committee in-cludes fund managers and brokers and is cliaired by Geoff Lindey, a JP Morgan ree will decide whether to proceed with proposals to executive. Issues that will need group them separately. Fund managers who have been pushing for the change say to be considered at the meeting include how to define a

the current system encourages technology stock. Some fund the City to ignore technology managers would prefer a stocks, which are often undergrouping concentrated on information technology stocks, excluding biotechnology and researched by broking houses. Steven Vale, a FTSE International spokesman, said the orgtelecommunications.

The committee will also address worries that the rapid pace of change in technology companies would lead to continual change in the sector's composition.

It is likely that a decision will also be taken on whether to merge the textiles sector. where the number of companies has been in decline with household cods.



hristmas is coming early for the City professionals. The rush of bids and deals promises fat fees to the plethora of advisers involved, whether or

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not a successful merger results.

Thankfully, Reed Elsevier's coming together with Wolters Kluwer seems rooted more in Putting together two major industrial logic than the more European companies in the avaricious imaginations of infinancial services sector might be expected to yield cost savings on vestment bankers. The two coman even greater scale than Reed panies, already world class in will reap, but strangely the thought does not seem to have their specialist publishing fields, will be even stronger as a unit. If they seemed somewhat muted in ed the minds of the powers their renditions of the benefits to at BAT and Zurich Group when they decided to join forces. For BAT, the deal may be one way of come, it may be because of a real: fear about how the regulators may view their marriage. A E17.5 billion deal might be accomplishing the much mooted demerger of its financial operaexpected to generate cost savings

tions from its tohacco business, of more than £50 million a year but simplest is not always best. within three years, but perhaps it would be impolitic to say so when Karel van Miert and his The arguments in favour of demerger were put forward elo-quently by the late Sir James Goldsmith when he took the City US equivalents are waiting to by surprise with an audacious pounce. Whether they judge the deal to be anti-competitive debid by a custom-built vehicle by the name of Hoylake.

The highly leveraged nature of the bid would have no doubt appealed to Sir James's gampends on how they define the market place. For specialist chemistry journals in Jutland, it

bling friends but was not so attractive to BAT's institutional investors. Nonetheless, there was hittle obvious reason for keeping tobacco, with its hazardous courtroom risks, in the same stable as an insurer that would charge heavy premiums to smok-

The suggestion that surveys showed investors warmed to

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because they were part of BAT was surely a testimony to the fact that market research merely reflects the way the question is

But when all that can be said in favour of a merger is that it will create something bigger, there is cause for concern. Shareholders may feel that they would be entitled to a better price if the raison detre of the deal were somewhat more con-

Seeking bargains with minimum pay

The CBI has declared that it could live with a minimum wage of £3.25 an hour. This must be taken as a bargaining position, indicating that its members could cope with somehing considerably higher. With George Bain and his team about to start touring the country to hear the views of those

who will be paying it, and a few of those who may be receiving it, the CBI view will be but one voice among many. Publicly, few companies are willing to voice their lears over how they may be affected by a minimum wage but, privately, there are some that are deeply concerned by the implications of Professor Bain's deliberations, and they are by no

means all operating sweat shops in the East End of London.

Despite being long regarded as the meanest of employers. most leading retailers have little to fear from a minimum wage set at less than £4. At Sainsbury and Tesco, a checkout operator is now likely to be earning close to £4.50 an hour. Not every supermarket, however, pays the same rates. Asda, with a store portfolio biased towards the north of the country, comes in significantly lower in the pay tables. Although chairman Archie Norman was vociferous in fighting for tax relief for his employees' share

options, he has not been quite so keen to up their basic pay.

For many in the hotel and catering industry. £4 an hour

would represent a considerable increase. This fact has not gone unnoticed at Granada, where the hotels acquired with the Forte acquisition took the same rigorous approach to wages as they did to the running of the kitchens, where portion control was

strictly applied.
Granada's Gerry Robinson was such a strong supporter of Labour before the election that he starred in a party political broad-cast on behalf of the party. He could not be seen to query the principle of a minimum wage. But he must be hoping that, having been recruited to Professor Bain's commission, his representative manages to make the employers' case as the vital debate progresses.

And that cannot focus merely on the rate to be applied when the minimum wage comes into

lower exchange rate. During the same first flush of new government, Tony Blair signed up to new targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Given the Budget cut in VAT on fuel for the home, these targets can probably only be met by following the Tories' anti-coal force in 1999. It will also have to be decided quite what components are taken into considby following the Tories anti-coal eration in assessing what energy policy. Sure enough, new constitutes pay. In catering, for instance, should tips form part of Labour has approved its first

new gas-fired power station and the queue of would-be followers the equation? Knowledge that staff were being paid properly could put a stop to the conscience money that customers feel obliged to pay. is growing again. When research projects are being cancelled to keep the Health Service going through the winter, the chances Coal still has

few friends

ife was always going to be hard for the relics of the

Britain's coalmining in-

dustry after the three-year con-

tracts fixed before privatisation run out next Spring. At an indus-trial level, the dash for gas is now

beginning to made a savage impact on demand for coal-fired

power. Generators still using coal stations also want to di-

versify their sources, both inter-

nationally and even domesti-

cally, via opencast production.

At the political and macroeconomic level, things are even
worse. Sterling has risen by 20
per cent and Gordon Brown's

insistence on the Bank of England fixing interest rates left little

room for manocuvre short of

of UK funding for clean coal technology also look slim.

Brussels may be able to help. Whetever new Labour said in opposition, however, it does not recognise any debts to the miners. They are as friendless as they were under the Tories, some of whom at least felt guilty.

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Large ones all round

BERNARD ARNAULT may not have had right on his side but, with little more than a willing lawyer, he had the ability to eopardise the merger of Guinness and GrandMet. Both companies were confident that his case would fail eventually, but could not afford to wait. In the game of greenmail, timing is all. So this round goes to M Arnault, but working relationships on the GMG hoard may be a little

Premier Farnell calms investors with £73m profit

PREMIER FARNELL, the international electronic partsby-catalogue company formed in a £1.8 billion merger last year, has evaded an institutional revolt after returning steady but slow growth at the halfway stage.

may be that this deal creates an

instant monopoly; similarly for learned legal publications in

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authority is that you can define

your terms to suit. But if the

authorities were to insist on the

new group shedding a few titles to

lessen its market share in certain

areas, that would be unlikely to

stand in the way of a deal.

Howard Poulson, whose position as chief executive was under review after the shock profits warning in January, calmed nervous institutions with interior profits of £73.2 million, against the £56.1 milpany, and included a £5 overall profits had come in at million reduction for the the lower end of expectations. strength of sterling. Mr Poulson said the compa-

Institutional shareholders, who put Mr Poulson on nine months probation, said they were satisfied that the management was making the right moves towards recovery. However, the City was less sympathetic, focusing on the 3.5 per cent underlying sales growth in the core US market. Analysts said progress on the

by 20p to 74lp yesterday.

The company awaits a

decision from the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry

on the proposed merger of

its cross-Channel ferry operations with those of Stena.

where the growth goes whoosh, but we can't do that." He said the 1996 downturn was a reaction to the frenzied spending of the year before when American mechanics and electrical retailers ordered more stock than they needed. This had created an artifical run its course. "All that froth from the 1995 orders has gone, and its not going to come back," he said. "We're now in place for a recovery."

year. The company sold 2,460 homes last year, gener-ating profit of £29.4 million on sales of £267 million. P&O shares, which have been climbing from 580p since the demerger began to emerge in the City, jumped 5.2p to 5.7p.



Howard Poulson, Premier Farnell chief executive. "We're now in place for a recovery"

Queensborough broadens appeal

OUEENSBOROUGH Holdings, the leisure and caravan park operator, is this week open up to 20 Macaroni Grill estaurants under an agreement with Brinker International, the quoted US

restaurant group. The company is understood to have signed a joint venture with Brinker with exclusive rights to the Macaroni Grill name in the UK.

The initial agreement with Queensborough envisages 20 openings in ten years, but unlike most other entrants to the UK market. Macaroni Grill will initially steer clear of London, instead targeting major retail and leisure park developments throughout the country. The company

has already identified five suitable sites. Masterminding

Queensborough's entry into casual dining is Michael Guthrie, who was appointed a director in February. Mr Guthrie, who recently sold his BrightReasons group to Whitbread, opted to seek a master franchise for a new concept after an attempt to buy BrightReasons' Pizza Piazza chain back from Whitbread ended in failure.

A move into restaurants would balance the seasonality of Queensborough's caravan and theme park business, which is weighted to the main summer holiday period.

Brinker is capitalised at \$1.1 billion on the New York Stock

Bovis flotation lifts P&O shares

SHARES in P&O rose to a new high yesterday as the shipping to property group gave the first details of its plans to float its Bovis Homes division for about £275 million by December.

The company, which is trying to strip itself down to its transport routes, said that Bovis will come to the stock market with an overall land bank of 21,700 plots, enough for 8.9 years' requirments. Analysts were more taken

with its strategic land bank, which has 8,400 plots with planning consent. On last year's sales levels, this would last almost 3.5 years. trates on smaller homes,

BZW, which issued the Janwith just under half its portfolio three bedrooms or uary profits warning, down-graded profits forecasts from £165 million to £155 million under. These are spread around Britain, but avoidyesterday, compared with last year's £173 million. ing the South East, and have seen-their value rise in line-Earnings per share were flat with inflation over the past at 13.6p, after last year's dividend increases, which de-

ny's prospects are tied to the

cautious recovery in the US

electronics market. "The com-

pany is a big ship, and it does

not change course very quick-ly," he said. "People would like

us to tell them not to worry

and that this will be the year

livered £3.65 million to Mort Mandel, the former head of Premier, now group deputy chairman. This year's interim. due November 28, is up from

Kingfisher holds back on takeover

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

KINGFISHER has suspended talks about taking a control-ling interest in BUT, the Prench electricals and furniture retailer, apparently because of the UK company's concern about the state of the

French economy. The company said yester-day that discussions with Michel Venturini, managing director of BUT and owner of 30 per cent of the shares, have been deferred. Kingfisher, which already owns 26 per cent of BUT, was expected to pay up to £225 million for the

Venturini family stake. It retains an option to buy, but a deal now looks less likely. Kingfisher, which owns B&Q, Woolworth, Comet, and Superdrug in the UK and

Darty, the French electricals retailer, said in July that it was considering buying the Vent-urini family shares and bidding for the remaining 44 per cent of the company. Kingfisher insisted that it would not pay more than Ffr300 (£31.40) a share. Kingfisher shares closed up

Leslau to quit board



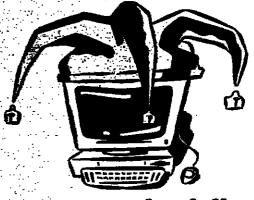
NICK LESLAU, who stood down last month as chief executive of Burford, the property company he founded, is expected to resign from the group's board in the new year. The move is to avoid conflicts of interest with Prestbury Lei-sure, the small AIM company that he is in talks with to turn into his new property venture. Shares in Prestbury were suspended at 94 p yesterday, having soared 147 per cent in

29 minutes of trading. A number of City dealers were sitting on substantial potential profits having bought more than 1.7 million shares between Wednesday and Friday. Neither Michael Edelson, the Manchester United direc-

tor who runs Prestbury, nor Apax Partners, the group's financial advisers, knew of anyone having inside knowledge of the potential deal.

ment about the possibility of taking control of Prestbury. However, it is understood that he is preparing to resign from Burford to avoid any potential conflicts of interest with Presthury. Nigel Wray, chairman of Burford and Mr Leslau's long-time business partner, is expected to be an investor in Prestbury but is unlikely to join the board.

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Mergers lift shares back up to the heights again

CITY investors were quick to jump on the corporate band wagon after a clutch of multibillion pound mergers were

The merger proposed by BAT Industries of its financial services arm with Zurich, the Swiss financial services group, got the ball rolling. ifting its shares 58p to 609p. while Reed Elsevier's pro-posed merger with Dutch rival Wolters Kluwer caught the City on the hop and sent Reed International soaring

97p to 629p.

Guinness jumped 2812p to 60512p after clearing the way for its proposed £24 billion demerger with Grand Metropolitan, up Zip at 604p. It has paid LVMH £250 million and agreed to extend a number of distribution deals between them. LVMH says it will back posing the deal, and continues to own a 10 per cent in both Guinness and GrandMet.

There was also plenty for investors to ponder among the top 250 companies, with Redland 79p higher at 33612p, in response to the £1.67 billion bid from Lafarge of France. Only last week, Rudolph Agnew, chairman of the troubled building supplies group, told brokers Redland was vulnerable to a bid. Last night brokers were convinced that Lafarge would have to improve the terms, worth 320p.

These deals spurred the rest of the equity market higher. In addition. a positive start to trading on Wall Street saw the Dow Jones industrial average rise almost 70 points in early trading, enabling it to recover some of Friday's losses.

The FTSE 100 index regained the high ground, closing back above the 5,300 level, albeit by the thinnest of margins. It ended 72.8 higher at 5,300.1 in small volume that saw 685 million shares traded.

Unilever closed .934p better at 48012p after going ex the four-for-one share split. P&O rose 2012p to 74112p after confirming plans to demerge Bovis, its construction arm. BSkyB eased 2p to 44512p

reverted to "neutral" from 'accumulate". Brokers continued to reflect on Pearson's acquisition of All American with a rise of 2412p to 82312p. Wolseley reacted badly to news of Meyer International's E300 million offer to Harrison Crosfield for its Harcros building products business.



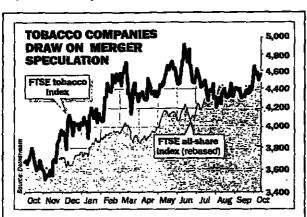
Nigel Wray, said to be eyeing Prestbury. suspended at 914p

The deal will make Meyer Britain's biggest builders' merchant. It had been assumed that Wolselev was interested in Harcros. Meyer lost 812p at 42312p, while

Harrison added 512p at 136p. CRH was a strong market. climbing 2112p to a new high of 740p. The group has spent \$200 million (£123 million) on acquisitions in the past month.

Bulls in Games Workshop were running for cover as the price dipped Sp to 702 ap after Tom Kirby, chairman, cut his stake in the company. He has just sold 200,000 shares at 705p, reducing his total holding to 1.83 million shares, or 6

per cent of the issued equity. Shares of AIM-listed Prestbury Leisure jumped 512p to 914p before being suspended, pending the out-



CONFIRMATION that BAT Industries is thinking of merging its financial services arm with Zurich. the Swiss insurer, sent a ripple of excitement through the other two tobacco producers. Imperial Tobacco closed 20 2p higher at 391 2p, while newcom-

34p at 329p. The link-up with Zurich would leave the rump of BAT as a pure tobacco company and increase the likelihood of a merger with one of the other producers. Silverman. Securities.

broker, said: "A merge between BAT and Gallaher is seen as most likely." But other factors were boosting their share prices.

Last week saw the first attempt by British smokers to sue tobacco companies for their subsequent health problems suffer a setback. drew from the action and others face paying the tobacco companies costs if

But Mr Silverman insists: "The problem has not gone away. The problems of UK litigation are misunlead to a substantial

Speculation is mounting that Nick Leslau and Nigel Wray, who were responsible for turning Burford into a major property company, are about to reverse into the company and use it as their

Last month Leslau resigned from Burford, 12p firmer at 114p, after the breakdown of merger talks with MEPC, unchanged at 54012p. There has been been heavy turnover in shares of Prestbury during the past week, with a line of 400,000 shares going through the market last Wednesday at 234p followed by further lines of 250,000 at 212p and 350,000

Both men were also involved in the stock market flotation of Nottingham Forest at 70p last Friday. The price railied lp to 62p

News of a bid approach sent shares of Peck surging 36'2p to 7812p. The company has found itself on the receiving end of an offer of 80p a share offer from Thermo Power, valuing the business at £98

Vanguard Medica extended its lead with a jump of 21 12p to 471 ap on the back of a linkup with Abbott Laboratories in the US. Therapeutic Antibodies

will receive \$23 million for a link-up with Altana of Germany for the US marketing rights of its series of purified antibodies. The shares rose Ilp to 24212p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Mounting speculation that Britain will

be in a position to join the single currency in the first wave saw bonds get off to a flying start. Prices at the longer end closed near their best levels of the day after outperforming German bunds. In futures, the December

series of the long gilt closed £38 better at £11912 in thin trading, which saw just 50,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £2132 up at £1161332.

while Treasury 8 per cent was E316 better at £103316. □ NEW YORK: Blue chips stayed ahead of the broader market in morning trading, despite an early rally losing steam. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 42.98 points higher at 8,088.19.

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nvest orea Getting down to Braas tacks too much for Steetley in 1992. Even last year's strategic formation of the Redland Brass

LAFARGE'S bid for Redland is the financial equivalent of shooting fish in a barrel. After an appalling set of results, Redland is without friends and Robert Napier, its chief executive, has been fending off the many calls for his head. Rudolph Agnew, chairman, perhaps drew unnecessary attention to the weakness of the roofing tiles business. After Consolidated Gold Fields and Lasmo, Mr Agnew is a veteran of the seemingly hopeless defence. But even he will be hardpushed to mount a credible case for Redland's independence. The real question for shareholders is whether he

will be able to extract a better offer. It's a fair bet that Redland is worth a lot more than the recent low price of 220p per share but, beyond that, it is hard to be confident. Redland has made a mess of almost everything it has touched since it paid Building joint venture, has come a cropper in the weak German market. Instead of talk about the impregnable German margins, shareholders have had to listen to Mr Napier telling them that the dynamic RBB had grown "fat and lazy" after ten good years.

The Braas family, whose trust still owns nearly 44 per cent of RBB, could make life difficult for a bidder, a factor that could deser potential white knights. Contested bids are not really RMC's style and Hanson raight feel reluctant to rejoin the fray so soon.

Nervous investors might do better to take the 336'2p available for their shares in the market rather than waiting around to see whether anyone will top Lafarge's opening offer of 320p a share.

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GIFTS are the norm in the City when you sign up a deal but LVMH has extracted more than the price of a Mont Blanc pen. LVMH shareholders could reasonably expect a return for the GrandMet shares but they could not have expected such

coincidence ent almost of value to ling 7 per the shares rever, even ise. Grand still below 630p, the price at which LVMH was buying Grand-

Still, the GMG Brands partners believe the hushmoney is well spent and point out that transforming

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the deal into a takeover, to

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THERE are too many builder's merchants in Britain and that is why Meyer wants to add another 200 to its chain. It is proposing to pay more than E300 million for the Harrisons & Crosfield business, which made profits of about £15 million last year, suggesting a fully taxed earnings multiple of 30 times.

It sounds mad but there is method in it. Builder's merchants have never quite recovered from the recession because they need housing transactions to generate the repair and maintenance work, which puts volume through their outlets. House purchases have only just started to increase this year and Meyer, in buying Harcros, should leap into the number one position in heavy building materials with a market share in the

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will come in bulk purchasing but the deal is a punt on the market turning in the industry's favour. For investors the question now is what next? The industry is polarising with Wolseley cornering the light end of the market, leaving the chains owned by CRH and RMC looking a bit weak. The wild card is Graham Group, a quoted com-

Premier

before it sees a bid.

PREMIER FARNELL has virtually admitted that it overpaid in its ambition to become a global player: the paper catalogue.
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has erred, is now a recovery marked with this element of risk in mind. It task is huge, ranging from the wholescale replacement of its computers to making its name in the Far

This is not lost on the institutions, who were nervous enough about its £1.8 billion merger and have not forgotten the 45 per cent plunge in their investment earlier this year. These jitters dictate the share price, and bedevil their valuation in the short

But the company is promising nothing short term. Its Harcros: it cannot be long story is not about jam tomorrow, more about jam some time next week. But its strategy for recovery is sound; it is spending the millions on Internet and computer develcoments and should be ready for the inevitable decline of

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Investor pressure forces BAT to reach for greater heights

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uring the past two years, the calls for BAT to hive off its financial services division have become ever louder; the City has become obsessed with finding suitable partners, and the subject has dominated every analysts'

Until last weekend, General Accident and Guardian were regarded as possible partners. BAT's flirtation with Commercial Union, which might have created a £12.5 billion joint venture, was broken off last year. Many still believed talks between the two could be

Globally, insurers are getting bigger and business is becoming concentrated in fewer hands. This puts pressure on middle-sized companies which are too big to eke out a living from niche business but too small to compete head on with the likes of Allianz of Germany. Generali of Italy. and the big US insurers.

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The UK's biggest financial services companies are now both banks and insurers. Both Prudential and Standard Life are massive forces in the life and pensions market but also have their own banking operations

The pressure for change at BAT has come from investors who had begun to tire of the shares' lacklustre perfor-mance and have seen how BAT's rivals are growing larger and stronger by the day.

Institutions had identified two areas of serious weakness the liabilities from ongoing tobacco litigation in the United States, which dragged the share price down, and Eagle Star, the troublesome finanrial services company which was in need of radical restructuring.

Analysts suggested that if the tobacco business was hived off from financial services the latter could attract a much higher rating — closer to that of the insurance sector.

BAT has one of the largest insurance businesses in the world and the proposed £20 billion to £22 billion merger with Zurich Group would create a' combine second only to Allianz of Germany.

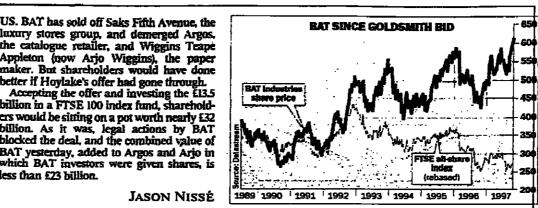
BAT's financial services division is made up of four different ousinesses: the troubled Eagle Star, which sells general and life insurance: Allied Dunbar, the much more stable life and

WERE he still alive, Sir James Goldsmith could be forgiven a touch of triumphalism. The proposal that he - with Kerry Packer and Lord Rothschild - put forward when their Hoylake consortium made its ill-fated £13.5 billion bid for BAT Industries in July 1989, has been followed to the letter. The three said then that the conglomerate, which in those days also had paper and retailing interests, needed "unbundling" into its constituent parts.

If BAT's negotiations with Zurich sucreed and tobacco is demerged from financial services the process will be comple

The break-up started in the midst of Hoylake's bid with the \$1.1 billion (£680 millio sale of the Marshall Fields store chain in the

US. BAT has sold off Saks Fifth Avenue, the luxury stores group, and demerged Argus, the catalogue retailer, and Wiggins Teape Appleton (now Arjo Wiggins), the paper maker. But shareholders would have done better if Hoylake's offer had gone through. Accepting the offer and investing the £13.5 billion in a FTSE 100 index fund, shareholders would be sitting on a pot worth nearly £32 billion. As it was, legal actions by BAT blocked the deal, and the combined value of BAT yesterday, added to Argos and Arjo in



Group, the US insurance division; and Threadneedle, the asset management house. Eagle Star had been severely damaged by its expo-

sure to mortgage indemnity insurance in the 1980s, and is the most volatile of BAT's financial services earnings. The City was growing rest-less as it waited for BAT to sort out the financial services division: virtually all the group's

been on the tobacco side. Unlike the most recent merger of large UK composite insurers — that of Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance the prospective deal with Zurich Group is not about cost cutting but growth and gaining critical mass in interna-

acquisitions since 1989 have

There is very little overlap:

Zurich has just a 5 per cent share of the UK insurance market. The merger would give Zurich a door into the insurance markets of the US, a region in which it is keen to expand. Farmers is the third largest personal lines insurer in the US and could provide a useful distribution route for

Zurich's existing products. For BAT Industries, the deal would address the demands of the City and unlock the value of the insurance businesses without being held back by fears over the liabilities of the tobacco division.

BAT Industries made profits of £800 million in the first half of 1997 from its tobacco operations, while financial services produced profits of

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accounted for around 40 per cent of BAT's 1996 pre-tax profit of £2.5 billion.

Zurich already owns Kemper Corp, the fund manager, and in June bought Scudder, Stevens & Clark, the asset management firm, with the intention of putting the two rogether and creating one of the top ten mutual fund com-

That the proposed merger was confirmed on the same day as Generali of Italy launched a bid for AGF of France highlights the rapid consolidation of the insurance sector. Analysts said the two deals will increase pressure on insurers both in the UK and Europe to push through further deals. One commented: There will be a lot of serious talking going on in the boardrooms of insurance companies this week. Those who had insuccessful discussions with BAT will be asking themselves where they went wrong. The number of possible partners is shrinking, and anyone wanting a global presence does not want to be left behind."

While disappointed suitors mull over the wisdom of launching a counter-bid or rival merger, there are still regulatory hurdles for the Zurich-BAT team to overcome. The Department of Trade and Industry and the Monop-

olies and Mergers Commisexpected to halt the deal. More time consuming will be the court hearings that will have to take place in the US before the merger is confirmed. This, according to insiders, could

take until April next year.A preliminary list of board members has already been drawn up, according to company sources, and will be released if the deal is finalised. The future role of Martin Broughton was not mentioned yesterday by BAT's official statement. However, he is likely to stick with the tobacco side rather than play second fiddle to Zurich's Rolf Huppi. who would be chairman and chief executive of the new merged company, which will have its headquarters in Zurich. One insider remarked: Martin is a tobacco man, whereas Sandy Leitch (chief executive of British American

However, the question still remains: why did BAT not take the option that the City really wanted, and merge with another composite in a similar deal to the Royal and Sun Alliance combination? Though the shares soured yesterday, some analysts believe that, once the euphoria has subsided and the City has had time to digest the news, it may give the stock less support.

investors are far less suspicious of deals between fellow insurers than they are of crossindustry mergers, for example when banks attempt to become bancassurers.

If the merger goes ahead, the new financial services company will certainly have the size and strength of balance sheet to pursue other small insurers in its quest for market dominance. The City certainly has one thing right — the confirmation of the deal is likely to be a turning point in the fortunes of BAT and of its fellow insurers in the UK

reasoning in a new book, Brand Warriors, which goes on sale next Monday. Edited by Fiona Gilmore, a founding partner of brand consultancy Springpoint, it includes essays by Archie Norman of Asda, Robert Holloway of Levi Strauss. John Hawkes of McDonald's, Tim Kelly of Guinness and Alan Palmer of Cadbury. Financial Services) is more of Gilmore says an insurance man." the psychology of branding is going

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pensions company; Farmers Lord Rothschild, left, with Sir James Goldsmith, centre, and Kerry Packer at the time of their bid for BAT Industries MARIANNE CURPHEY Return to roots carries uncertainties

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B AT Industries started life as a tobacco company and few in the started will question its decision to return to its roots through a demerger. BAT's tobacco division, which sells Lucky Strike, State Express 555, Benson & Hedges and John Player worldwide, still provides the core of the business. Last year tobacco vielded £1.63 billion of

the £2.45 billion total profits. But the uncertain future for. obacco in a more healthconscious age, and the litigation battles in the US, have heen at the mot of the company's poor share price performance over the past few years. While investors are looking forward to a substantial rerating of BAT's financial services arm, tobacco analysts were quick to point out that the argument cuts both ways. more interested in BAT as a acted as much of a drag on the tobacco side. A pure tobacco stock, the argument runs. would enjoy a substantial rerating as it became more transparent and attracted fewer risk-averse investors.

The bulls in the market claim that BAT's US subsidiary, Brown & Williamson. is effectively valued at zero in BAT's recent share price, in spite of profits of around \$600 million a year. The optimists argue that if the tobacco settlement deal is concluded in the US. Brown & Williamson should still be able to turn in profits of around \$500 million and continue to provide cash for investment in emerging markets.

Not everyone in the City is convinced that the future of the tobacco business is quite as straightforward. There is still uncertainty about the

\$370 billion deal struck earlier this year between the US tobacco companies and antitobacco litigants. Recent signs have been promising, with the tobacco companies agreeing a separate \$11 billion deal in August with the State of Florida — one of the most active anti-smoking authori-ties — which largely follows the terms set down in the overall deal. But to become legislation, the deal needs to clear Congress where it could

still face opposition. Even if the agreement is cleared it could prove harder to fund than some optimistic estimates have made apparent. BAT is obliged to pay \$1.7 billion upfront, which analysts say will swallow some of its fabled cashflow. BAT will also need to fund rising payments in the future and it is not clear how much will be recouped by price rises.

Analysts believe the demerger will bring few financial benefits and may even add some handicaps if the company's debt division goes against the tobacco division. Much of the debt actually derives from the life assurance arm, but analysts predict the rump BAT will be left bearing about 50 per cent of group borrowings.

ut demerger will cer-B tainly ensure the tobac-co business enjoys improved management time and leave it free to continue with its expansion strategy. BAT recenty splashed out \$1.7 billion to take control of Cigarerra La Moderna in Mexico. The company is expected to continue its push into new markets, Turkey and Egypt are seen as high on its target list, but it may also turn

its attention to some more

France, where it currently has only a limited presence.

There is also a heavy presumption that BAT will finally re-establish itself in the UK. ending its century-long exile. Gallaher, which has the UK rights to the Benson & Hedges brand, is the favoured target and Gallaher shares iumped II per cent vesterday. But there is just as much brand synergy with Imperial Tobacco, which controls the John Player and Wills brands.

To ensure an improved rating BAT could move its listing to the US. But with 90 per cent of shareholders based in the UK this could prove difficult. Instead, it is likely to receive a warm welcome on the UK stock market as the third tobacco stock alongside Imperial and Gallaher.

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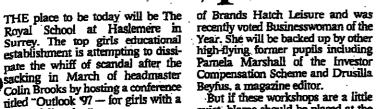
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Surrey. The top girls educational establishment is attempting to dissipare the whiff of scandal after the sacking in March of headmaster Colin Brooks by hosting a conference titled Outlook 97 - for girls with a sense of direction".

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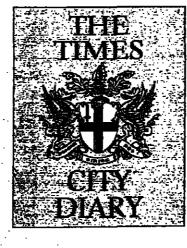


quiet, blame should be placed at the feet of one Lisa l'Anson, the Radio One presenter and another Old Girl. Royal School girls have been told to stop applying to attend Ms I'Anson's oversubscribed session. "It seems they all want to be disc jockeys," an indignant bluestocking tells me.

● HOW does he do it? Despite the continuous cloggifying of dear old Reed International, Nigel Stapleton still clings on to a senior post.I believe I have learnt the secret of why Stapleton thrives in an environment which proved not to the liking of Sir Peter Davis, who fled to become the man from the Pru. Stapleton's wife is Dutch. This may give him an insight into the mentality, though the language is still pretty impenetrable.

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MORE news reaches me about the Italian police's attempt to control the hooligan element which is spoiling They retired to the hotel, only to find



our national game. As reported in this paper yesterday, riot police detained the Chancellor's young advis-ers Ed Balls and Charlie Whelan, along with six political hacks, on the terraces at Rome's Olympic Stadium, while Gordon Brown and Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster-General. enjoyed the hospitality of the Italian Finance Minister, Carlo Azeglio Champi, in the VIP enclosure.

The story, though, gets worse. Apparently the Chancellor's party was due to retire to Harry's Bar after the match for some light refreshment. A minibus was laid on for the trip and, though the match ended at 10.45pm, Messrs Brown and Robinson were waiting in the van for the Balls. Whelan and co until after midnight.

the bar was closed, so Robinson got on the mobile phone to Harry's, and reconfirmed the reservation. The journalists, I here, paid for themselves. I presume the puritan Brown, Robinson and co did likewise.

City steak

IN A scene in the occasionally witty movie The American President. Michael J. Fox (playing a presidential aide), slams down the phone on a truculent member of Congress and declares he's going "to Sam & Harry's and order a big steak". Sam & Harry's, purveyor of steaks to wealthy Washingtonians, is now

preparing an assault on London. Michael Sternberg and Larry Work, the restaurant's high-profile owners. have appointed property agent Shel-ley Sandzer to find them up to 10,000 sq ft in Mayfair, Belgravia or Chelsea.

So next time Bill Clinton pops over. he can enjoy his love in with Tony Blair on more familiar territory than Le Pont de la Tour.

Bull market

EVER wonder what happened to the memorably named Cedric Scroggs, chief executive of Fisons until he was booted out four years ago? Well he is up to his armpit in bull semen as deputy chairman of Genus, the cattle breeding firm that has attracted an opportunistic offer from Alchemy

Partners, Jon Moulton's new venture capital outfit. I can only apologise for the analogy, but this is how Genus's "technicians" go about the cow insemination business. Well, it would make an interesting mime on What's

My Line. Mr Moulton eleverly spotted that Genus shares were changing hands at only a fraction of their true value via the company's clumsy twice-yearly share trading mechanism. Alchemy's chances of success still look slim. Genus, which used to be part of the Milk Marketing Board, is owned by the 29,000 dairy farmers who are also its main customers.

Jason Nissé



Nicola Foulston will be guest of honour at the school conference

MARKETING

The start of a brand new world

ways, must have been delighted last week when Baroness Thatcher called BA's decision to drop the Union Jack "terrible, terri-

ble, absolutely terrible". Lady Thatcher has become an icon of the Eighties and ner disapproval shows that BA has rid itself of its Eighties, gune-ho "Britain is best and to hell with the rest image. The airline is spending £50 million on a brand revamp that will replace the Union Jack tail fins with 50

logos from around the world. Bob Ayling explains his

tant and praises "When you asked people what they

tish middle-aged men said it was fabulous. But women and people from other counlive in a multi-cultural world and companies have to move with the times," says Gilmore. So what should companies

do with their brands to make them successful in the millennium? Gilmore claims that a strong corporate brand will become vital Consumers should recognise what a company does by its name, for example, British Airways, Kelloggs and Nike. Nor do these companies have to confine themselves to one narrow industry as Virgin has shown.

panies that adopt the Procter & Gamble model where consumers don't know that the products are made by P&G. Such brands can only survive if you are prepared to spend a fortune on advertising. But one of the biggest

threats to brands comes from within companies themselves. There is a real nervousness about investing in brands and many marketing departments are losing their confidence." harder, yet budgets are

threat is probably the supermarket. "Supermarkets will become king. We have already seen them go into clothes, financial services, pharmacies, and there is no into anything they want Whoever has the best relationship with the customer

In order to build that relationship, Fiona Gilmore believes, companies are going to have to look beyond conventional means of marketing. The fragmentation of media will make it harder for them to reach consumers through television and press and blowing the budget on a showy TV commercial will not be an option. As advertising budgets are cut, more will be spent on below-the-line mar-

keting. "Companies want a more cost-effective narrow communication." So does this mean that direct marketing, or junk mail, will become more widespread? "Direct mail has such a terrible image that it will remain a damaged

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vehicle for a verv long time." So what will be the marketing medium of the millennium? Gilmore thinks we are likely to see more idiosyncratic campaigns that stand out and capture the public's imagination. She cites Mazda's decision to commission a double concerto based on the 1945 Hiroshima bomb

As well as the use of quirky marketing campaigns. she tips the launch of "useful brands". She uses the example of WH Smith, which launched a £1.5 million initiative to buy books for schools last month. "They want people to grow up thinking WH Smith is a useful

Her final tip for companies in the 21st century is to be aware of the public's desire for businesses to become more ethical and compassionate. Consumers will be more attracted to companies that donate money to worthy causes than those that care only about the shareholders' dividend. ☐ Brand Warriors is published by HarperCollins and goes on sale next Monday.

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bench n. 1 prolonged and frustrating period of inactivity as a result of failing to make first team 2 used in a collective sense to refer to the judges or magistrates in a court.

encroachment v. 1 "Oi ref! They're never ten yards!" (see walls at free kicks) 2 unlawfully entering upon another's rights or possessions.

contract n. 1 piece of paper that means very little to certain footballers and their agents 2 a legally binding agreement.

negative clearance n. 1 maximum distance, minimum direction, just hoof it anywhere (see traditional English centreback) 2 Procedure whereby parties to an agreement seek a declaration that does not come within the scope of the Treaty of Rome's anti-competition laws.

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Pride of the prairies

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet is returning to Britain for the first time in 15 years. Debra Craine reports

innipeg is a most unlikely place to find a busy international ballet company. Located bang in the middle of the North American continent, the city sits on the edge of the great Canadian prairies, a thousand miles and more from the metropolitan centres of culture. And its isolation isn't merely geographical. The long brutal winters impose their own kind of seclusion, months when the cosy delights of hearth and home can be far more appealing than a night out at the

Yet Winnipeg is where two dance teachers from Leeds decided — in the summer of 1938 - to start a ballet school and, shortly thereafter, a company. It was the tail end of the Depression and barely a year before the Second World War: not the most auspicious of times to launch any kind of artistic enterprise. Gweneth Lloyd and Betty Farrally could not have imagined how far their dream would take them. In 1939 they gave their first professional performance; in 1949 their Winnipeg Ballet Club became Canada's first professional ballet company: in 1953 the Winnipeg Ballet Club became the first royal baller company in the Commonwealth; in 1954 the Royal Winnipeg Ballet completed its

first international tour. It has been touring ever since, to more than 500 cities around the world, notching up several impressive statistics along the way: first Western ballet company to tour the Soviet Union; first Western company to visit Castro's Cuba. As North America's most-travelled troupe. they

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spend more than half their life on the road, a plucky band of 26 dancers who have survived one financial hardship after another, one artistic crisis after another, taking ballet to places it has never been be-

This week the Royal Winnipeg Baller returns to Britain for the first time in 15 years. A Theatre, which opens tonight. exemplifies the company's spirit. The repertoire is brave and varied, with two works by Canadian choreographers unknown on this side of the Atlantic - Mark Godden's Miroirs and Joe Laughlin's L'Etiquette - set against some of the best in American chore-ography, from Tudor (The Leaves Are Fading) to Balanchine (Concerto Barocco. Ballo Della Regina) to Robbins (Other Dances). When the company arrives in Edinburgh next week it will bring its full-length Giselle.

Our repertoire shows the kind of maturity that this company has achieved," says the artistic director. Andre Lewis. "We are not relying on familiar repertoire; we are showing that we can do both classics and contemporary."

there is one thing Lewis

believes in, it is the power of ballet to speak to a For too long ballet directors have felt that ballet is too oldfashioned. They tried to invent a new language. I feel the language is still there, and it's still important; it's how you use it that matters. Our language is ballet, and it is a beautiful language, which is why I have brought in more

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Canadian content: Mark Godden's Miroirs, one of the works to be performed by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet tonight

Winnipeg's greatest asset is its star ballerina, Evelyn Hart. At 41 she continues to be one of the world's leading dancers, admired in America and idolised in Japan. In Britain, however, she is a well-kept secret. Those lucky enough to have seen her guest with Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in the 1984-85 season will never forget the wildness of her dancing. Wisely, the Winnipeg company has cast her in all its performances of Other

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Dances, as well as in both Giselle and The Leaves Are Fading, roles ideally suited to her lush, romantic style.

Despite the international acclaim that has followed her everywhere she goes, Hart has remained loyal to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet throughout her 21-year career. "Winnipeg has provided the kind of support she would not have got in other bigger com-panies," Lewis explains. "Hers is a unique talent that needs

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glued from TV screens in

It seemed at first that the

band would make it a night of double celebration. They had

no shortage of reasons of their

own, like an instant No I

album of late with Marchin

Already, the sequel to the

million-selling Moseley

Shoals. From that new set,

the band have taken to exercis-

Laverty's Grace Notes and

Jim Crace's Quarantine - are a worthy match for several of the winners over the past 28

years. That, though, is just my

nearby pubs.

Saturday night was not

just about Ocean Colour

careful support to bloom." For unique read difficult: Hart's obsessiveness as a performer exacts a heavy price in her relationships with others. Yet it is her overpowering commitment to dance that fuels her superb artistry. Hart may be demanding, but she appreciates the lengths to which the company has gone to accommodate her needs. In this respect, at least, small

Sunday on Saturday

POP

Academy, SM9

of the Traffic generation, they

would soon start showing up

in those league tables of Rich

Brits. But they have both a

likeable insouciance for such

observations and an admira-

ble focus on creating rock with

a contemporary energy. If that

means fuelling up at the pumps of their progressive

predecessors, the end results

are still less derivative than

those of many contempor-

A Moseley Shoals trio of

big company she has the whole weight of that company upon her, the whole machine, the whole status," Hart says. "But I cannot be squashed into a mould like that. I need the freedom to develop individually. And the Royal Winnipeg Ballet gave me the space to do it my own way."

◆ The Royal Winnipeg Ballet is at the Peacock Theatre (0171-314 8800) until Saturday; and at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre (0131-529 6000) from Oct 21-25

Lining Your Pockets, The Cir-

cle and 40 Past Midnight seemed to let both band and

crowd open up and put the foot down, but OCS moved into

fifth gear only occasionally.

Everyone threw back their

heads and roared for The

Riverboat Song and The Day We Caught The Train, and

vocalist Simon Fowler re-

turned for an effective solo

acoustic performance of Foxy's

Folk Faced, dedicated to fel-

low traveller Paul Weller. But

as their own full-time whistle

blew, guitarist Steve Cradock

had a parting dig about the "Sunday night" feel of an event

that never quite turned into

the biggest party of the 1997-98

season to date.

Fat knight too thinly spread to

Jaughan Williams's Fal-staff opera is more honoured in word than in performance. The composer's supporters speak lovingly of it, but chances to hear it are rare. All praise, then, to Richard Hickox and the Northern Sinfonia for giving it a play in the Barbican's Vision of Albi-

Albion is omnipresent, great green swaths of it, in the score. VW raided the treasury of native folk song, culminating in Greensleeves, which Mistress Ford takes up during Falstaff's calamitous wooing of her. His own libretto rarely strays from The Merry Wives

It is all exceptionally English - and nothing wrong with that - but the spirit of Falstaff himself comes across only intermittently. This is not the fault of Donald Maxwell. long acquainted with the fat knight in Verdi's version. His presence is commanding and his baritone roared above the other soloists. But Vaughan Williams's Falstaff, at least in concert performance, lacks wit and, more crucially, gusto. Too often he disappears amid an overcrowded cast.

Boito did some clever personnel trimming for Verdi. Vaughan Williams leaves practically everyone in. There is insufficient time for characSir John in Love Barbicar/Radio 3

ters to become established. The Wives at least have a chance to make their mark, led by Pamela Helen Stephen's poised Mistress Ford and Anne Marie Owens's Mistress Quickly. Nancy Argenta, a replacement for Rebecca Evans as Anne, sounded miscast, the voice too heavy and mature for Windsor's best teen-

age date. By contrast, Mark Padmore was an ideal Fenton, gracefully handling the score's warmest music. Manthew Best, shortly to take over the title role of the Dutchman at the ENO, was a powerfully angry Ford.

chorus eventually The achieves prominence in the last two acts and the loyful Company of Singers made the most of it. Richard Hickox conducted with commitment and vigour, but a lighter touch would have helped. Nicolai's Merry Wives of Windsor remains runner-up to Verdi in the Falstaff stakes. Perhaps someone will now give that an

JOHN HIGGINS

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

SCHUBERT'S STRING QUARTET IN D MINOR (Death and the Maiden), D810 Reviewed by Stephen Johnson

SCHUBERT didn't actually call his D minor String Quartet Death and the Maiden. The nickname grew because the second movement is a set of variations on a theme derived from Schubert's song Der Tod und das Mädchen. But it is a good title for the quartet as a whole. At the very beginning a stark, arresting gesture is followed by a quiet, almost pleading response. It is tempting to hear this as the "annunciation of death", followed by the awe-struck human response. Similar oppositions abound in all four

Among the 36 recordings currently available there are many with good things to offer and few absolute stinkers. One recording should come with a special caveat however. the version for string orches-tra by I Musici de Montreal conducted by Yuli Turovskuy (Chandos). It claims to be the orchestration by Mahler, but it's nothing of the sort — the little Mahler did to Schubert's original is completely reworked. In any case it's a generally ghastly, histrionic

performance. The relatively modern versions that stand out are those by the Lindsay, the Prazak

(Praga), the Vienna Philharmonic (Decca), the earlier Melos (DG) and the earlier Amadeus (also DG). There are three very interesting historical mono recordings, from the Hollywood (Testament). Busch (EMI and Pearl) and the Capet (Biddulph) quartets. The latter, recorded in 1927/8, is a specialist collector's item. but the other two should be

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rewarding to anyone today. Fine as the older Melos and Amadeus recordings are. there are problems. Not everyone likes the Amadeus's sweet. rounded vibrato. The Melos on the other hand have a tendency to pull emotional nunches, most devastatingly at the climax of the second movement (which Schubert marks fff). The Prazak are more consistently convincing, but sound a triffe cold beside the Vienna Philharmonic Quartet, and they can't ultimately match the elemental passion, tenderness and bold drama of the Lindsay (ASV CDDCA 560, £12.99) - my

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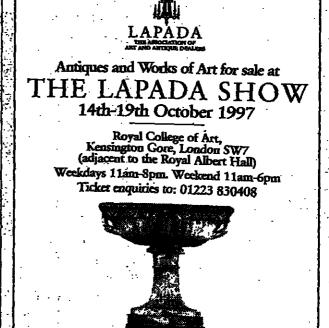


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Siren calls from a seductive age

Richard Cork basks in the sensual delights to be found in a new Tate

Gallery show of Rossetti, Burne-Jones, Watts and the other Symbolists

The more the show pro-

ceeds, the darker its mood

becomes Rossetti's Dantis

Amor may strike an openly

religious note, with its angel

suspended on a flat, heraldic,

star-spattered ground. But a conventional belief in God seems far removed from the

full-blown voluptuousness of

his Proserpina, as ripe as the bitten fruit whose glistening

flesh she suggestively holds up

By the time Rossetti pro-

duced his monumental Astar-

te Syriaca in the late 1870s, he

had surrendered completely to

his overriding obsession. The

his mistress Jane Morris, whose infidelity caused her husband William so much

pain. But she ends up as a

Syrian love-goddess, capable

of enslaving and even sacrific-

ing anyone foolish enough to

ting began as a homage to

mesh everyone who enters the Tate Gallery's new exhibition. The first room is dominated by Dante Gabriel Rossent's hypnotic painting of Lady Lilith, a planched siren bent on combing her huxuriant auburn es until they shimmer. At once beguiling and predatory, she gazes into a mirror and exposes one shoulder with shameless provocation. Her full, blood-red lips gleam. She is meant to be irresistible, and a scarlet ribbon trails wantonly from her wrist like an erotic

When Rossetti began painting this femme fatale in 1864, he was associated in the public's mind with the Pre-Raphaelites. He had, after all, been a founding member of the Brotherhood 16 years earlier. The truth, though, points in

TEN OBJECTS OF DESIRE

xiravagant coils of a very different direction. Ros-hair threaten to en- setti never shared the passion setti never shared the passion for "truth to nature" insisted on by his fellow brethren. Millars and Holman Hunt. infatuated with early Italian art and poetry, he escaped as soon as possible to a world of medieval fantasy. Fuelled by drugs and a succession of "stumers" who posed in his studio, he idelised languorous women as fervently as Dante adored Beatrice. Both enticing and perilous, they took Rossetti's increasingly heady art a long way from its earnest Pre-Raphaelite origins.

As the Tate's survey makes clear, his later work belongs more convincingly to the Symbolist movement which flourished on the Continent. For Rossetti's pursuit of his ideal led him into a strange psychological realm. Sex and death intermingled there in a perfurned cocktail.

succumb to her allure. At this point, Rossetti's friend Edward Burne-Jones had joined him on the ceaseless, yearning quest. He seems more pessimistic showing three naked men bound fortornly 10 a Wheel of Fortune controlled by an implacable female. The male suitors in Burne-Jones's

work often appear futile, and his al enough, but the women bloodless compared image itself is far removed with Rossetti's luscious idols. But when Burne-Jones painted King Cophetua and the Beggar Maid the object of the monarch's devotion turns out to be a wan, near-consumptive wraith Like so many of Burne-Jones's men, the gloomy Cophetua seems unable to galvanise himself and approach her. Instead, he stares longingly from a re-

In order to establish their kinship with Symbolism abroad, the same room also displays paintings by Gustav Klimt, Gustave Moreau and Klimt's Idyll is more robust than Burne-Jones's canvases. Muscular male nudes of Michelangelesque proportions flank a central image of a woman - with children, and Klimt ensures that the overall mood is unashamedly sultry. You won't find a single picture of Burne-Jones that could not be displayed at Sunday School," wrote the Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland in 1901. This primness counts against him, especially at the Tate where Love Among The Ruins is hung next to Moreau's brazenly exotic painting of Oedipus.
George Frederic Watts, the other British painter high-lighted in the show, is a

revelation. Neglected and even mocked for much of the present century, he is ripe for reassessment I found him more impressive here than either Burne-Jones or Rossetti His imagination is possessed by doom, and responds best to the most familistic subjects. He shows Paola and France-

sca trapped in a fatal whirlwind, and laboured for nearly a decade on a haunted paint-ing called Chaos. Presented to the Tate by the artist in 1897, this apocalyptic canvas has now been restored and immediately establishes itself as a key British painting of the period. Anticipating sciencefiction cinema in its wide screen vision of turbulence in the cosmos, Chaos proves that Watts, at his best, does not deserve to be accused of Victorian vapidity.

The wildness of Watts's imagination grows more dra-matic still in the

6 Sadly

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room devoted to the Symbolist landscape. Millais' large painting of Dew-drenched Furze is included here, but serves wad every at vino tame he had become in the late 1880s. Watts, by contrast, left naturalism far behind. The title of his Sunset on the Alps sounds convention-

from picturesque prettiness. The sky over the mountain boils with orange energy and threatens to erupt into a fullblown phantasmagoric nightmare. As for his nearby After the Deluge: The Forty-First Day, it bombards the retina with a ferocious sun-burst made even more compelling by his bold, summarising brushwork.

In terms of his mark-making, indebted above all to the looseness of late Titian, Watts is more rewarding than either Rossetti or Burne-Jones. The full extent of his vision is in koom 8. entitled The Climax. It ought to be dominated by Lord Leighton's colossal painting And the Sea Gave up the Dead that Were in it. But he fails to handle his awesome subject with sufficient vivacity. Leighton's brushwork is too careful and prissy to match his revelatory theme, whereas Watts invests a tall canva called She Shall Be Called Woman with the right amount of fervour. His broken pig-ment takes on an unfettered life of its own as it drifts, with infinite ambiguity, around the emergent figure.

To judge by his other looming allegories on view here, ranging from the Venetian splendour of Time, Death and



Revelatory image: She Shall Be Called Woman (1875-92) by George Frederic Watts

AROUND THE GALLERIES

ARTSGALLERIES

IT WOULD be easy, but unfair, to say that the most interesting thing about Christopher Sturgess-Lief is his story rather than his art. The story goes that this self-taught artist began exhibiting on the railings alongside Hyde Park around 1960, when he was 23. Here he was noticed by Victor Musgrave, who was then running the avant-garde Gallery One and offered him his first one-man show there in 1962. His strange paintings of real-looking but disturbingly undefinable objects were quite unlike anyone else's. He is perhaps best described as a self-made Surrealist, liberating spectators into free association. Important critics were impressed and he turned up

the next year in a mixed show. Then nothing. He vanished completely, has not exhibited again as far as anyone knows. and was last sighted, allegedly, in Hammersmith making plaster models of house facades. All the works in this show at Julian Hartnoll's Gallery come from Gallery One's old stock, and the gallery would be delighted to contact him if he is contactable. Meanwhile, the work speaks for itself: richly coloured and textured, it vibrates tantalisingly

in the memory.

Julian Harmoll's Gallery, 14 Mason's Yard, SWI 10171-839 3842). Mon-Fri 10am-12.30pm, 2.30-5pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, until Saturday

☐ Cedric Kennedy (1898-1968) is another, but very different, forgotten artist. He began adventurously, going straight from Rugby into the Royal Flying Corps in 1916. After three months' service he was shot down, and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner; his health throughout the rest of his life was affected. It did not stop him from attending various art schools in his twenties, ending up at the Royal Academy School under Charles Sims. The rest of his life was divided equally between teaching at a succession of boys' schools, where he endlessly recorded the boys at work with great delicacy unmarred by sentimentality, and painting landscapes during vacations.

He was apparently a purist who refused to modify the scene before him in any way in the interests of composition, so he spent a lot of time crashing through bushes and briars looking for that one position where the elements fell naturally into place. He had an extraordinary sense of light and space. The paintings are as retiring as the man himself. but radiate quiet confidence... Sally Hunter Fine Art, 11 Halkin Arcade, Motcomb Street, SW1 (0171-235 0934). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, until Oct

> JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

On the medieval superhighway

The 14th century meets the 21st on a new CD. Richard Morrison reports

Richard Cork's daily guide to the

Hayward Gallery's new still lifes

■ RENE MAGRITTE: The Interpretation of Dreams,

THE Surrealists wanted to shock us into discovering the

essential strangeness of the world. And none was more

subversive than Magritte. His six-part painting seems to

take its cue from a school reading textbook. But the objects

are betrayed by the words inscribed beneath them. The

stillness of the empty glass could hardly be more opposed to the meaning of l'Orage ("storm"). Why is the high-heeled shoe identified as "moon" and the bowler hat (a Magritte

trademark) as "snow"? It all seems wilfully perverse. But

the artist is warning us, in his own dry manner, never to

☐ Objects of Desire, sponsored by BMW in association

with The Times, is at the Hayward (0171-960 4242)

TOMORROW: Meret Oppenheim's Object, 1936

take mere appearances for granted.

ere is something strange and new. Out this week is Red Iris, a recording of 14th-century dances by the instrumental group Sinfonye. But this is no ordinary disc. Put it on your CD player and you do indeed here nine scintillating tracks of Tuscan istampite. But run it through your computer (Windows or Macintosh) and you get something quite different: a witty "CD interactive" that presents fascinating snapshots f the music and the era.

Using a mouse to move round the screen, the purier explores three luscious medieval frescoes, discovering hot spots" which release fragments of sound or images. So 14th-century art meets 21stcentury technology. More importantly, this enterprise from the independent label cal musicians might exploit, rather than fear, new media.

The idea comes from Stevie Wishart, founder of Sinfonye. She is a composer and performer who is as comfortable worlds as in the medieval. "The Middle Ages were themselves a multimedia era, she The written word wasn't the main means of communication. What's more, the music manuscripts use their own sort of icons similar to computer icons - to tell the performer what to play next. We wanted the experi ence offered by the CD Interactive to be like the process of reconstructing this music."

Of course, compared with the usual CD-Rom this hybrid medium is comparatively limited. "It's basically an audio



Back to the future Stevie Wishart, with music, on Red Iris

CD," Wishart explains, "so you have to commit about 600 megabytes to sound, leaving only about 250 for the interactive part." And anyone expecting a straightforward commentary on this music — a kind of computerised sleeve-

note - may be disconcerted by Wishart's quirky, brain-teasing approach. As I navigated my way round the "hot spots", for instance, I had to think hard about why a map of Florence is suddenly overshadowed by a bombing raid

ravaged many manuscripts), or why you sometimes hear gurgling water-pumps (these dances were first performed above a natural spring).

Judgement to the funereal finality of Sic Transit, a retro-

spective survey of Watts's

achievement is long overdue.

■ The Age of Rossetti, Burne-Jones

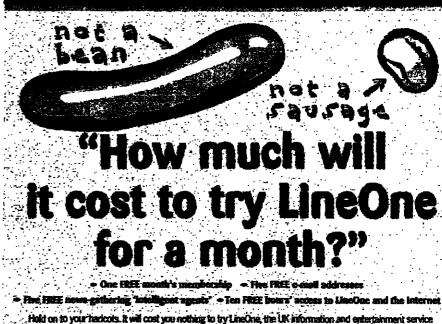
and Watts at the Tate (0171-887 8000) opens on Thursday and continues until Jan 4, sponsored

• In Metro this Saturday: Lynne Truss on the legacy of Watts

"Yes," Wishart agrees, 'you don't get the whole picture; you get fragments, and you have to think hard. But that parallels the process of re-searching the Middle Ages."

Tomorrow, Sinfonye per-forms Red Iris in concert, with images from the CD Interactive projected while the music is played. Soon, Wishart says, she may develop electronic "tracking" that will trigger visual images directly from her medieval fiddle or hurdygurdy. It sounds a bit wacky, but don't knock it. We could be looking at a prototype for the concert of the future.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

LONDON

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE **FIELDS:** The renowned chamber oxchestra conducted by its founder Sk Neville Mammer opens its new season with a world premiere of Sally Beamish's Cello Concerto inspired by Beamish's Callo Concern impress by the poetry of Ted Hughes. This is preceded by Hayon's popular Military Symphory, with Brahms's equating Symphory, No 4 concluding the evening Robert Cohen is soloist on the callo. Berblean. Silk Street, ECZ (0171-638) 891). Tonight, 7,30pm 🕒

RATTH Now Menodin Cakes play, set somewhere in the Southern Homisphere where soldiers deplay a range of responses as they fight to regain an stand, John Burgess Grocts.
Royal Court Upatishts (Ambassadors), West St. WC2 (0171-565 5000) Opens lonight, Torn. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

SSIAN NIGHT: A loudt of Plusselin dissent may be detected tenight as Kirov conductor Valery Gergiev takes the podium with the London Philharmonic music by two composers who both loul of Statin Dmith Shostakowch's rmphony No 8 is preceded by mphony No 3 by Gaina Ustvolskavi onginally a pupil of Shostakovich at

COMMING UP: Nicola Duffell plays the teacher championing a boy after a treft in a shopping mail. Comedy by James Martin Charlton, author of the excellent Far Souls. Directed by Ted.

Crarg. Warehouse, Dingwall Rd. East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tue, 6 30pm. Wed-Sat. Born, Sun. 5pm.

☐ HRH. Corm Redgrave and Amanda Donohue play the Duke and Duchess of Windsor in another stage version of their dongs, this time collect to the Behamas, and no music. Semon Callow

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and Sat, 5-30pm and 8,30pm. [6] IT KAT AND THE KINGS: Exuberati musical set in Cape Town as rock'n'roll bursts over South Africa. A great

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and Grey Hicks as Edmund in Peter Hall's new production. Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Tonght, 7 30pm in rep LIFE SUPPORT: Alan Bates subty moving in Simon Gray's play about remorse for martial treachery. Alderych, The Alderych, WC2 (0171-416-6003), Mon-Sat. 8pm; mais Wed and Sat, 2 30pm.

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Fastival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.30pm. (5)

STANDING STONE: World premiers for Paul McCartney's new symphonic work. Lawrence Foster conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in a programme which also includes other works by the composer. With the Grodsky Charter and the Michael Thrompson Hom Quarter Atbert Hall. Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-689 8212). Torught, 7 30pm. (5)

ELSEWHERE CANTERBURY: The Royal Shakespeare Company's national tour vers the Cantestoury Festival with Ron Daniels's production of Henry V. Marticiare Theatre, The Friars (07227 787787), Tonighi-Sat, 7 30pm, mais Thur and Set, 2pm. (5)

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☐ MY BOY JACK: First play by David Harg with turnself as Rudyard Kiplung, urging his beloved son to go off to the trendies. Belanda Lang plays Mis K. Directed by John Dove Hampstend, Swiss Cortage Centre. NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Set, 8pm; seel Set. 2007.

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WUTHERING HEIGHTS: Shelly Willetts and Seamus Gubbins play the passionate young lovers in 509 Pomercy's production for Good

Pomeroy a production for Good Company C Asheroff Theatre, Farfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (0181-888 9291) Opens lonight, 7 45pm Than tomorrow-Sat, 7 45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Oct 18 6

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Readings beyond the lines

eginning an interview with Graham Johnson can be a tricky business. He is more than likely to be distracted by a new discovery he is eager to share: a painting of Ganymede owned by Goethe which had significant repercussions on a Schubert setting, or a line in Schlegel's German translation of Shakespeare's Henry VI referring to the appearance of three suns - and the burning of that image into the penultimate song of Schubert's Winterreise. And then the phone will ring, and Johnson will warn a young German singer never to underestimate the perils of Faure's La bonne chanson, for audiences as much as for singers ...

Out of precisely this eager generosity and curiosity of spirit was born the Songmakers' Almanac, a flexible ensemble devoted to the programming and presentation of song which was to have extraordinary implications for the future of the recital worldwide, and which is now celebrating its 21st birthday in a series of recitals at the Wigmore Hall. The series focuses on the Rückblick and the Wohin - the musical past and the far-reaching influence — of Schubert. But the celebrations also inherently focus on the history and the future of the Almanac itself.

The very first page of the Almanac - a foreword, really - was turned in a 1975 Hugo Wolf recital in which Johnson featured not one but several singers and totally revised the performing order of the music. He had realised that he was having much

recitals than he was by going to them. "Colonial people, you know" — Johnson was born and bred in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe - "have a: reputation for being iconoclasts. They're brought up without the weight of tradition bearing down on them. It may be knnely, but you have

no choice but to go your own way."

Soon after he arrived in England, that is exactly what he did. With the enthusiastic support of the great accompanist, Gerald Moore, Johnson launched his first Almanac on October 4, 1976, with a programme called The Ruling Passions, a unique fusion of exlectic and daring juxtapositions, sophisticated wit and thought-provoking cross-reference. Wolf followed Arne, Auden faced Pope, Judith Bingham's Cocaine Lil partnered Saint-Saens.

The song recital would never be the same again. Words and music, songs, letter and poems counterpointed and collided in the voices of performers who would dare their audiences to guess what might have happened If Fiordiligi and Dorabella had been Lieder singers; to immerse themselves in the life and language of Goethe and Heine: to connect the prose and the passion of Schubert and William Blake

Johnson remembers these as halcyon days, when singers like the Almanac's founder members, Ann Murray, Felicity Lott, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and Richard Jackson, trav-



"Teaching, for me, is what it's all about." Graham Johnson says. Schubert would no doubt have agreed

performance will have taught you

elled less, were confident in being the British cream of the European song world, and could enjoy true musical democracy without the need to fight for a solo career, or to be in consultation with managements about whether any given move would

enhance their profile.

As the 1970s became the 1980s, Johnson's original ensemble began to spread its wings. International Songmakers and Young Songmakers were born: this latest series not only shows Johnson's unflagging invention as a programme planner, but features singers from eight countries, from Ann Murray from Ireland to Finnur Bjarnason from Iceland.

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something: it will have revealed emotion and meanings, made some-thing clearer. And verbalising this teaching is deeply necessary for the performer, as a way of growing and enriching one's own performance." So Johnson himself continues to teach, write this Oxford Book of French Song is forthcoming) and record (he continues to mastermind the Hyperion Complete Schubert Edition).

ideas, performers, audiences: none seems to be in short supply. "Yet there's a desperation about all of us in the Lieder world, you know," Johnson says. "There are sinister under-

about." Johnson says. "A worthwhile currents: record sales are dropping. audiences getting older. As the new century progresses. Lieder will be something that happened in the century before last. Ours will become a task of desperate resuscitation. I'm quite certain that, as long as civilisation of some kind remains, there will be room for the art of a Marthias Görne, an Anne Sofie von Otter - for the cream. But I am very concerned for the milk of national culture, for the fine singers who remain outside the increasingly narrow definition of megastardom. For cream to be formed, there must be milk first."

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erate wartime morale-booster

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drums. Much of the work was composed during the terrible siege of Leningrad by the Nazi forces between 1941 and 1943 when Hitler vowed to obliterate the city, and nearly a million people actually starved to death. More than half a century

on, it is still horrible to contemplate what this meant Shostakovich was while struggling to reflect the cataclysm in music. His resistance was as much against the Stalin he abhorred as Hitler, and what is undeniably passionate in the music is dispro-

orchestral expression. This performance lacked nothing in commitment to the

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Hilary Finch meets Graham Johnson, whose revolutionary Songmakers' Almanac is celebrating its 21st birthday

rhetoric and even the bombast clothing symphonic ideas that are sometimes more barbaric than merely pungent. The cutting edge of woodwind allied to searing strings en-sured a dramatic impact without, finally, giving purpose to the episodes stitched together that make the affirmation of

By way of prelude, the actress Fiona Shaw read an English version of the Requiem poem by Anna Akhmatova, a voice of conscience that mirrors the depths of one person's tragedy for a million

NOEL GOODWIN settled in Paris nearly 50 years

NOT so much as a flicker of a Worth a smile was seen to compromise his serious demeanour from one end of the evening to the other. Aldo Ciccolini walked on to the platform of Symphony Hall with the air of a man who has been doing this kind of thing for decades and who. though polite, is beyond being pleased, let alone flattered by any concert occasion.

His playing gives a different impression. And if we have to choose between an upturn in the solemnly set corners of the mouth and a twinkle in the fingers in a Scarlatti sonata ione of two brilliantly executed encores appended to the Birmingham recital), let's have the latter. There was surely no inward smile, however, when he lost his grip on a bravura passage in the Faurė Ballade. As a pianist who has been closely associated with the French repertoire since he

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proclaimed the anthem in The

Even more impressive was his The Hut on Fowl's Legs, the Those who knew Ciccolini

mainly for his interest in the a formidable challenge. He might not have betrayed a smile after his performance of Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue but, having heard such awkward material transmusic, at least one member of the audience did.

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Oldies come to the rescue of building industry

MEN in their fifties and even sixties who thought their days in the building trade were over are being coaxed back to keep small construction companies going.

Skilled younger men are in short supply because fewer were trained during the recession, according to a report by Hill McGlynn, a leading recruitment consultancy for construction companies.

Demand is strong for older men. particularly carpenters, bricklayers and plasterers, if they are willing to add information technology to their skills and accept temporary or contract work.

Another reason for the industry's shortages is that many Irish building workers are returning home for higher pay, a study by Sedgwick, Noble Lowndes, a consultancy specialising in pensions and insurance, says.
The UK 200 Group, the accoun-

tants' organisation; goes further. It has found skills shortages are threatening the development plans of many small businesses.

In the North East more than half the companies contacted said they faced this threat. Their position was worse because so many large companies such as Nissan and Samsung had moved into the area and creamed off the skilled workers.

The 800 partners in the accountants group sent questionnaires to ten representative clients each in wholesaling, retailing and engi-neering. In similar research Reed Personnel Services, the recruitment consultancy, has found that 76 per cent of organisations are short of suitably skilled applicants for vacancies. The problem is greatest for small manufacturers, 86 per cent of which report skills shortages.

If the crisis continues, growth in small businesses could be hit within six months, Reed said.

These reports follow a warning from Lloyds Bank last month that short-term recruitment tactics are losing orders for a quarter of small

Sue Smith, chief executive of the Institute of Employment Consultants, said: Technological advances are too quick for people to handle and because the market is so buoyant those who are skilled are snapped up quickly. There must be more training. Employers must invest in people."

Career-change couple run growing enterprise

A nursery is out to

keep its staff busy

every season, says David Askham

IMAGINE waking up one morning and finding that wild deer had eaten your first crop of fuchsia cuttings in the night. That was the fair of Graham and Rosemary Seymour. who had just moved their stock plants across southern England into

their first commercial nursery.

Their glasshouses were still partly occupied by a tenant grower, so the Seymours' life collection of fuchsias had to stand outside until space became available. Fortunately, the incident was only a tempo-rary setback, and it allowed them more time to reorganise their newly acquired assets and start to build a small nursery business.

Mrs Seymour has collected fuch-

sias for many years. As a keen amateur she supplied young plants to gardeners. Often she dreamt of having her own nursery, but it was not until her husband decided to make a break from sales management in the catering industry that a dual change of career became

Although living in Kent, they searched far and wide for an affordable mirsery with potential for development. In May 1992 they moved to Littleton, near Somerton, Somerset, and began a year's work bringing a run-down nursery up to scratch. Gaping holes in glass-houses and faulty boilers needed attention, and there was no shop.

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Graham and Rosemary Seymour amid fuchsias and pelargoniums

There was a steep learning curve for the Seymours in acquiring the knowledge to grow and market fuchsias on a commercial scale. However, the Seymours began

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Many fuchsias bear female names, such as Anita, Caroline or Sally Ann, which makes them very popular with the public for that reason alone. The Seymours supplied one customer with a Ruth in honour of his mother.

The retail side of the business has also been bolstered by West Country holidaymakers who drop in at the nursery knowing that a wide range of fuchsias will be available. Although the Seymours special-ise in fuchsias, they also propagate an interesting range of pelargoni-ums, which survive long, hot summers rather better.

Cold winters are another challenge. Mr Seymour said: "Our investment in heating has paid off handsomely. Also, a little financial help from Business Link allowed us to invest in more efficient thermal screens. The result is that whereas frost destroys the stock of many rivals, we are able to supply them and fill their gaps, thus widening our market base."

The Seymours' latest venture is mail order. An exclusive collection of fuchsias and pelargoniums, many of them rare and unusual, is being marketed for delivery from this month until next spring. This out-of-season activity will help to keep their nursery team of three full-time workers and several parttimers fully employed throughout the year. Each member of staff is able to contribute in all work areas.

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Firms targeted in crackdown on illegal software

THE campaign to stamp out pirate versions of computer software will be targeted from today at small and medium businesses - the worst culprits for stealing programs. according to the information technology industry.

The British Software Alliance (BSA), the international body leading the fight against illegal software, will be sending questionnaires to 20,000 companies employing up to 500 people asking them to confirm that they have a licence for all software they use. The mailshot will be backed by an advertising cam-paign in The Times and three other

The Crackdown 97 campaign will be aimed initially at those sectors where the problem is considered to be worst: manufacturing, engineering, finance, printing and graphics and information technology. It will run to the end of the

year and the BSA will follow up cases where companies igquestionnaire.

BSA members include Microsoft, Lonis. Novell and Adobe. They reckon that one in three software packages

in use is illegal. resulting in lost revenue of £200 million a year

and, consequently, less money for research and creating jobs. The software industry claims that for each job it creates a further seven people gain employment indirectly.

With the growth in the economy and the spread of small businesses, the position is likely to get worse. However, for every I per cent cut in the level of piracy that the campaign can achieve there will be an extra £3 million in revenue from the small business sector alone.

Emilia Knight, BSA director, said a similar campaign against larger companies had been highly successful, but the rapid growth of the small business sector meant the net had to be spread more widely. She said: "While large companies have IT staff, small businesses do not. As they grow they tend to add people but they forget to add software licences. Some companies use illegal software as a deliberate theft, while others do it by neglect because it is not a priority. Neither is acceptable."

Backing the campaign is research by Microsoft showing that while most small businesses know it is illegal to copy software or to use software without a licence, they also believe that they have little or no chance of being caught. Small firms feel that by pirating software they are putting one over on a large company. The main deterrent is publicity if they are caught.

David Gregory, Microsoft's anti-piracy manager, said "We are trying to get across the benefits of genuine software. People do not see as the business asset that it is. With illegal software you do not have technical support and you can

lose data." said that Microsoft had invested billions of pounds in research and development. Many software small businesses that also have to invest heavily in research and development and

He encourages buyers who suspect that software is pirated to contact Microsoft, which takes action against suppliers rather than customers.

Since its formation in 1988, the BSA has filed more than 600 lawsuits worldwide over suspected copyright infringement. In a recent out-of-court settlement Drummond Group, a textile company, agreed to pay £40,000 in compensation and costs after admitting that it was using 71 illegal copies of Lotus 1-2-3 and 86 illegal copies of Microsoft Word.

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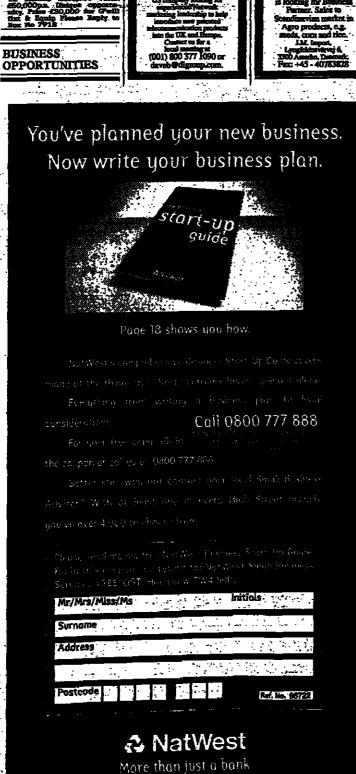
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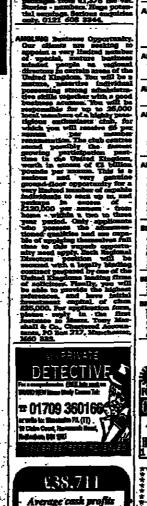
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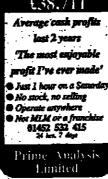
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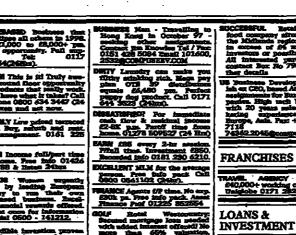






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iana. Princess of Wales, with Dodi Fayed: the sale of her taped conversations, the Blair family at prayer ... all recent events that have again cast the press as supposedly cynical demons supping irresponsibly in what David Mellor, when he was a Conservative Cabinet minister, called the Last Chance

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How can the media be reined in? And what exactly is it that they should be stopped from doing? As was revealed in the cases cited above, there can sometimes be as much collusion as co-operation

when celebrities meet journalists. The complexity of this national debate is the background for this year's Times Law Awards sponsored by the chambers of Anthony Grabiner, QC, at One Essex Court. The awards invite students to provide succint, well-argued entries on: Privacy and the press:

is law the answer?
The prizes are generous and the judging panel distinguished. It is headed by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, who joins Lord Hoffmann, the Lord of Appeal in Ordinary; Anthony Grabiner, QC, and Michael Bloch from One Essex Court, and Peter Stothard, the Editor of The Times.

The competition offers a unique chance to participate at the highest level in the discussion of issues that Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, has described as "difficult and debatable".

Is a consensus gradually emerging that self-regulation by the press may have had its day? Last week Lord Bingham expressed the view that privacy law would develop through individual cases coming before the courts when the European Convention on Human Rights was enshrined into UK law. There would, he added, therefore be no need for legisla-

Courts would be under a clear duty to protect privacy "and my experience is that over time they will develop the law".

But Lord Irvine has noted that a law of privacy defined by Parliament might be more welcome to the press, and more certain, than one developed as individual cases emerge.

Whether it is done by the courts or Parliament, the question — as Lord Bingham put it — is where to draw the boundary between free speech and privacy. How far is personal privacy a human right in an open society? Should public figures (or their children) be endowed with special rights over and above the rest

Entrants will also want to consider those grey areas of taste and journalistic procedure. Is it the publication of prurient articles that offends the public? Or the exercise of research that precedes it? Is photographic intrusion to be considered different from simple spying on the rich and simous? Or are all activities that peep and pry — including lip reading or bugging intimate conversations — to be-

The great media debate



Entrants must also decide how far the law is able to meet the concerns of the public in a democratic society. In 1990, on privacy, Lord Justice Glidewell pointed out in the case of Gorden Kaye, an actor who objected to having photographs taken of himself while in hospital: "It is well known that in English law there is no right to privacy and accordingly there is no right of action for breach of a person's

Lord Justice Glidewall went on to say that the case was a graphic illustration of the desirability of Parliament considering whether and in what circumstances statu-.

privacy of individuals". In the same case Lord Bingham expressed his concerns about the gap in English law, saying: The case highlights the failure of both the common law of England and statute to protect in an effective way the personal privacy of citizens."

So what is to be done? Events have moved on since the case of Kaye. In 1996 Lord Bingham held that a stalker had committed an offence by inflicting psy-chiagric injury on his victim. Can incessant 'doorstepping 'journalists or .. paparazzi be considered in this category? And must it be the same individual journcorporately at the agency or newspaper that employs a succession of them?

The age of those affected is also a factor. It is not only the young Princes, William and Harry, who may need protection from intrusive media operators. A case in 1993 involving the identity of children of a transsexual balanced the freedom "to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority" (as expressed in the human rights convention) against the right to respect for private and family life", as described in the same convention. The existence of such a conflict in the same difficulties that lawmakers would face. Can you find some elegant way of reconciling these inconsistencies? Or do you think that Parliament will be immobilised by the difficulties of legislation and forced to hand the job to the judges -- while conceding a further extension of drinking time in the Last Chance Saloon?

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LORD ACKNER, the retired law lord who was a thorn in the side of the previous Lord Chancellor, has returned to the fray. He wants the Government to come clean on whether it plans a privacy law. He has tabled a question, for answer today, asking when the White Paper is expected on incorporating the European Convention on Hu-

Lord Ackner asks whether

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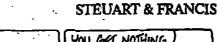


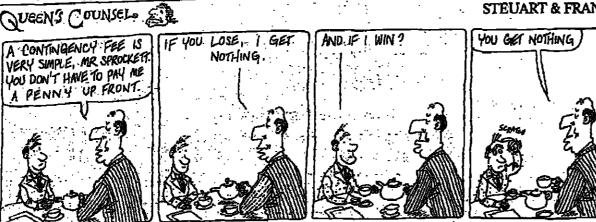
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t seems sadly prescient that only seven months ago Mr Justice Laddie was using Diana, Princess of Wales, as an example in an appeal judgment in a case brought by Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. against the London retailer and Elvis Presley specialist, Elvisly Yours. The question of the commercial power within a name and image of a famous deceased individual was being fought over.

In that case, the American plaintiff had, in 1989, applied to register a version of Presley's signature, and the words "Elvis" and "Elvis Presley" as trademarks in several classes, including cosmetics and toilet-

Sid Shaw, the Inner London Elvis Presley fan and entrepreneur, opposed these applications on, among others, the grounds of "lack of distinctiveness" and conflict with his own trademark, Elvisly Yours, also registered in relation to simi-

Emphasising the fact that there is no copyright (nor anything akin to it) in a name, Mr Justice Laddie quoted from a Privy Council decision in an 1896 case, Du Boulay v Du Boulay: "... in this country we do not recognise the absolute right of a person to a particular name to the extent of entitling him to prevent the assumption of that name by a stranger...[this] is a grievance for which our law affords no redress."

The Spencer family, the media and Carnaby Street traders are now looking keenly at the extent of the existing protection for the name and image of Diana, Princess of Wales. Mention is made of "copyrighting" Diana: a move which is, in the United Kingdom, quite simply, impossible [In this country, at least, not all nouns can be "verbed".]

case that copyright cannot protect a name or a short phrase there was a well-publicised case in 1940 when the title of the song, The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, was denied copyright protection, which then allowed a film under the same name to be released.

What is possible is a different form of protection: the registration of the component parts of the Princess's selling power as trademarks: her name, likeness and unofficial titles uniquely attributed to her, such as "Queen of Hearts", could all be regulated (and registered) in relation to

their application to goods. The Trademarks Act 1994 has 42 classes under which registration can be made: from stationery to sportswear, and balloons to boxer shorts, as well as services such as drycleaning. Were a specific image of the Princess to be trademarked, for example, under It is well established in any the Act, it would, among other things, be an offence to apply that image or (more crucially) one likely to be mistaken for it without authority to goods or their packaging.

The facility (and legitimacy) by which an individual's name, image and phrases can be applied to goods in this country allows the siphoningoff of profits that many believe should be, and that many consumers believe are, going to charities supported — in this case — by the estate of the Princess of Wales.

he registration of the essence of Diana, Princess of Wales - a name, a slogan and her image — as trademarks would afford the greatest protection possible under British jurisdiction and, indeed, in many of the 157 other jurisdictions which globally accord similar trademark protection. If registered, it could be ensured that purchases bearing Diana's registered name or

image would include a donation to charity. One firm of trademark agents, D. Young & Co, has already offered to register the relevant names and images free of charges for the benefit of the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial

This method of protecting and capitalising on identity is, since the commencement of the 1994 Trade Marks Act. increasingly sought - particularly in sporting circles, where there are millions to be made by the endorsement of products and the cashing in on the willingness of heroworshipping fans to buy a part of their dream.

Jacques Villeneuve, Damon Hill and Alan Shearer have all trademarked their image. Eric Cantona has registered his image, his name in conjunction with the number seven and appropriated to himself the call "Ooh, ah, Cantona". Ryan Giggs, a boy wonder

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oes that matter? I believe that it does where there is a misappropriation. as in the case of much of the "homage" material to Diana, Princess of Wales, if the purchaser thought that the net profit was actually going to a worthy cause such as a registered charity. We all accept that the world

works on vulgar commercialism. But in cases such as this, the real concern should be with putting the profits into the right hands and not those of the counterfeiters.

 The author is a media lawyer and senior partner with Stephens Innocent, City solicitors.

The Law Society President talks to Frances Gibb

Dhillip Sycamore was preoccupied yesterday with collecting a new pair of spectacles in readiness for Friday. The day is is never far from his mind: at 46 the youngest Law Society President yet, he is to deliver his profession's response to the Government's plans for legal aid and civil justice. And as 1,000 solicitors meet for their annual conference in Cardiff, there is a frisson of anticipation. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, will outline his vision of civil justice in the next century: reforms that go to the heart of how the 70,000-strong solicitors' profession in England

and Wales fulfils its role. The President, who took over in July, is positive about new Labour and what lies in store. "We will be looking at the practical issues which affect the future structure of the profession and the delivery of legal services. The challenge for us is to be constructive and to take a lead in the debate."

Mr Sycamore, a personal injuries specialist from a three-partner firm, Lonsdales, in Blackpool, is suited to the task. The future of the small high street practice, of the £1.5 billion legal aid scheme, of personal injury work and of civil litigation as a whole, are up for review. Lord Irvine is expected to

signal an expansion of "no win, no fee" work, a move likely to lead to the death of civil legal aid for all claims over money and damages. Mr Sycamore says: "We are all in favour of extending the scope of conditional 'no win, no fee' fees. But not as a substitute for legal aid." It would be ironic, he adds, if it were to become a substitute because when the last Government proposed a change in the law to allow for conditional fees, the Labour peer Lord Mishcon exacted a pledge during the passage of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 as the price of its support for "no win" fees. The outcome was a line in the schedule to the Act stating that someone could not be refused legal aid on the ground that a conditional fee agreement was more appropriate.

Mr Sycamore highlights the dangers of withdrawing civil legal aid for claims such as those brought by brain-damaged children, and other medical negligence claims. For "no win" arrangements to work,



Sycamore: responding to government proposals

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people have to take out insurance against losing and having to pay the other side's costs. "But," he says, "in such cases, many people might not be able to afford the insurance - nor, without it, to take the risk."

The last Government introduced legal aid for children in their own right. "I can't believe that the present Government would want to remove that right and to put some of the most vulnerable people in our society at risk."

"No win" fees have to exist as an extra way of delivering legal services; otherwise the impact on access to justice could be "very worrying". He favours using the principles of conditional fees being extended to legal aid: solicitors would assess the success prospects in legal aid cases and their "success" fees would be ploughed back into the legal aid fund. Solicitors are under pres-

sure, too, to alter the structure

of legal practice. Should they

with other professionals? The Law Society council has yet to form a view. Mr Sycamore believes that such arrangements should not be ruled out. Nor, he added, were they nec-essarily just for big City law firms. "Solicitors must look at what consumers want. But mixed professional partnerships might be a way not just to deliver services, but also to bring outside capital into a high street practice."

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Access to justice, but also access to the legal profession: this is a second theme Mr Sycamore will champion in his year of office. A grammar school boy (now married with three children) who became a solicitor because he obtained a local authority grant, he is concerned about the problems now facing the less well-off who want to be lawyers.

There is, he says, a danger that people from his kind of background will — as Cherie Booth, QC. has also said - be denied entry. With the Bar, he wants the Government to extend the student loan scheme to cover the one-year law vocational course and ensure that the profession represents "society as a whole".

Solicitors must meanwhile focus on how to adapt for the next century. "We must embrace change, and the challenges of change," he says. "Solicitors have to get real."

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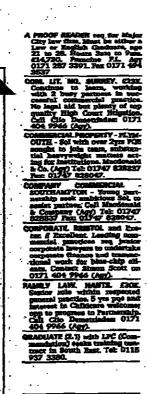
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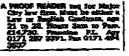


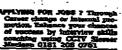
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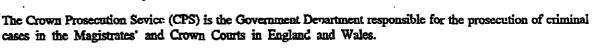
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: CHICAGO SLIP AGAIN LEAVING COACH TO BEAR THE BLAME

Wannstedt misses the point

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE great sporting gambles. the ones that come off, make heroes of their protagonists. The ones that crash and burn turn them into fools instead. American football, with its hunger for anything out of the ordinary, accentuates this process. This weekend, Dave Wannstedt, the coach of the Chicago Bears, and his team were pinned firmly in the

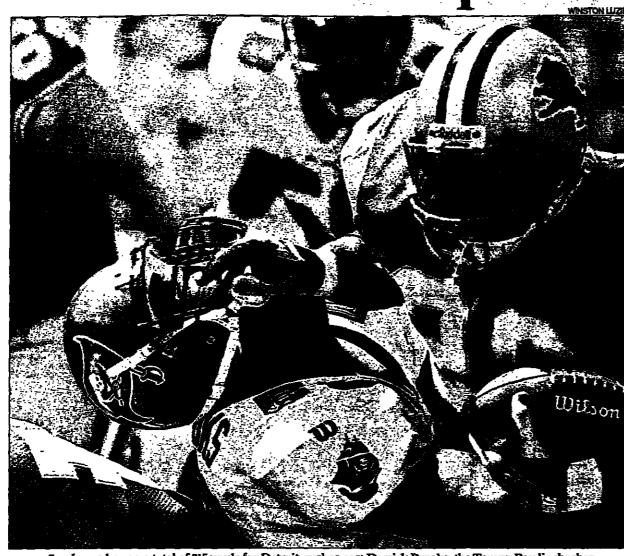
Wannstedt had seen the Bears score their third touchdown late in the fourth quarter of their game against the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field and take themselves to within a point of the defending Super Bowl champions. Instead of playing sale, taking the extra point for the kick and then trying to win the game in overtime, the coach took a big

Desperate to try to secure the Bears' first win of a miserable season of six successive defeats. Wannstedt elected instead to go for the two-point conversion, effectively trying to score another touchdown from the point where the kick would have been taken. First a pass from the quarterback, Erik Kramer, fell incomplete, then an onside kick was recovered by the Packers and the game was

Wannstedt and his team tried to get their defence in early. "We were going for the win," the coach said. "We were down there in that position and it was a play that our entire football team was comfortable with. There was no decision. It was something that we had worked on and felt good about since the beginning of training camp. We weren't stopped on the play. We just didn't execute it."

Raymont Harris, the full back, who was the intended recipient of Kramer's pass, could only think of what might have been. "Heck," he said, "I'd be the new hero, the mayor of Chicago, if I caught

The defeat was made worse for the Bears by the fact that it came in a match against their greatest rivals. The win for Green Bay, which is only a few hundred miles away to the



Sanders, who ran a total of 215 yards for Detroit, rushes past Derrick Brooks, the Tampa Bay linebacker

north on the shore of Lake Michigan, was their second over Chicago this season and meant that the Bears had matched the worst start in their history. The only other year in which they lost the first seven games was 1969.

The victory, which was achieved partly because of three touchdown passes from Brett Favre, lifted Green Bay into a first-place tie with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the National Football Conference (NFC) Central division. The Buccaneers, who surprised everyone by winning the first five games of the season, slumped to their second successive defeat, this time against the Detroit Lions. Tampa Bay were destroyed

by the rushing of Barry Sanders, who produced two bravura touchdown runs of 80 and 82 yards. In the process, he passed the total of Jim Brown to move into fourth place in the National Football League all-time rushing list.

in Massachusetts, Drew Bledsoe, the Patriots' quarterback, threw two touchdowns and joined Steve Grogan and Babe Parilli as the only New England quarterbacks to pass the 16,000-yard throwing milestone. The Patriots beat the Buffalo Bills 33-6. In Jacksonville, James Stewart, a substitute player, became the first man for 24 years to rush for five touchdowns in one ome as the Jaguars beat the Philadelphia Eagles 38-21.

NFL DETAILS RESULTS: Green Bay 24 Chicago 23; Jacksonville 38 Philadelphia 21; Allenta 23 New Orleans 17; New England 33 Buttalo 8; Mami 31 New York Jets 20; Sen Francisco 30 St Louis 10; Detroit 27 Tampa Bay 9; Tennessee 30 Chroit 27; New York Clants 27 Artzona 13; Minnesota 21 Carolina 14; Pitisburgh 24 Indianancies 22

CRICKET

Middlesex consider switch to Shenley

By Ivo Tennant

IN 1999, one hundred years after reaching a financial agreement with MCC to play at Lord's, Middlesex will be asked to play a number of outside the county boundary. The Shenley cricket centre in Hertfordshire, to which Denis Compton gave his name shortly before his death, has been suggested as an alternative venue to Uxbridge.

The staging of the World Cup and the continuing programme of relaying pitches at Lord's means that Middleser, who play there as tenants of MCC, will have to hold four, of their four-day championship fixtures elsewhere in 1999 and 2000. They are concerned that this should not continue into the next century, "It would be fair for us to consider Shenley, but not as a permanent venue," Bob Gale, the chairman of the cricket committee, said.

Roger Knight, the secretary of MCC, said that Shenley has a decent ground, nursery area and a number of nets. "The pressure on Lord's, with its limited number of pitches, has increased," he said. "Next year. Middlesex will need to play only two of their championship matches away from there, but 1999 and 2000 are crunch years. Uxbridge has a small square and Shenley is only just over a mile outside the county boundary."

MCC is also contemplating moving other fixtures from Lord's to Shenley, which is being developed as its second ground. These would include matches played by the Wom-en's Cricket Association and representative sides of the England and Wales Cricket **Board**

The 1998 fixture list is not likely to be published until next month, but the number of matches to be played at Lord's is such that, in addition to two championship fixtures, Middlesex might have to play their NatWest Trophy first-

SPORT IN BRIEF

Language barrier slows pursuing fleet

THE three leading yachts in the Whitbread Round The World Race were yesterday creeping along at just four knots and had put only around 200 miles between themselves and the the island of Trindade, off the Brazilian coast, as they continued towards the first-leg linish at Cape Town, still 2,400 miles away (Edward Gorman writes). EF Language. with Paul Cayard in charge, was leading with a 14-mile cushion over Grant Dalton, in Merit Cup, in second place. Dalton, in turn, was just six miles ahead of the former leader, Knist Frostad, in Innovation Kvaerner.

About 100 miles astern of Kvaerner. Silk Cut was also trapped in light winds and making only four knots. The crew is rationing food quite hard and keeping a close eye on fuel usage, with estimates of their time of arrival in South Africa varying between II and 15 days.

Bears free to move

Rugby league. Oldham Bears players have been given permission to find new clubs (Christopher Irvine writes). permission to find new chibs (Christopher Irvine writes). Among them is Martin Crompton, the scrum half, who yesterday rescinded his earlier withdrawal from the Great Britain squad for the series against Australia next month. The bid by Oldham players to become free agents was supported by a rescue group, which was advised not to take over existing contract payments but is now talking to Oldham Athletic Football Club-about running the Bears.

Liatti shows the way

Motor rallying: Piero Liatti, the local favourite, was the leader of the San Remo Rally yesterday after over-enthusiastic Italian crowds forced organisers to cancel the opening stage of the day. The rally had been due to start on Sunday but safety considerations prevented that. Colin McRae, of Great Britain, is in eighth position.

Record-breakers

Sailing: Tracy Edwards and her all-female crew on Royal & SunAlliance yesterday set a new cross-Channel record from Cowes to St Malo of 6hr 49min 19sec. The big catamaran averaged 22.7 knots for the 155-mile crossing. The time, which has yet to be ratified, beats by 45 minutes the previous best set by Laurent Bourgnon, in Primagaz.

Longland finds no joy

Cycling: Glenn Longland, the first rider to cover more than 300 miles in 12 hours, abandoned his attempt yesterday to break the national Liverpool to London (199 miles) record of 7hr 56min, set by Ken Joy in 1954. He retired after 123 miles near Crick when ten minutes down on schedule, in the absence of the forecast strong northwesterly wind.

Chen makes the pace

Swimming: Chen Yan, 16, from Liaoning, in China, wiped away the last remaining world record held by a former East German when she clocked 4min 34.79sec in the 400 metres medley at the China National Games in Shanghai yesterday. The time was 1.31sec inside the time set by Petra Schneider at the world championships in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1982.

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SECOND EMPIRE may have taken a strong grip on next year's

2,000 Guineas betting with an impressive display in France at the weekend, but that may change effer the Thoroughbred Corporation Dewiturst Stakes at Newmerket on Saturday, which has attracted

an exceptionally strong field.

Dancers Drawn, trained by Henry Cocil, is unbeaten in three starts.

abid has been the subject of raws rawlews from the gallops since builting Docksider by half-a-length in the Champagne Stakes at Docksider. He is a cold of great potential, but offers little value at

2-1. Andre Fabre, who was sadded Zatonic and Pennekemp to wm this

race, sends Keer over fittin France. He showed much improved

form when stepped up to sepech furious in the Prix de la Salamandre, besting Change D'Affaires by three lengths. However the bookmarkers are again taking less chances in offering 2-1. Central Prix missed the National Stakes at the Current park less noon because of a mild'infieldion, and has has not non since besting

Docksider by three lengths at Goodwood in July. He, too, is rej in rude health now, and makes some appeal at 5-1. Second Empire's trainer, Aidan O'Balen, has entered impressi

and Sareloga Springs, presumably in an attempt to gauge the strength of the opposition. Both will need to improve to trouble the

ricepees. Roger Charlion is not one to overrete his runners, and it is surely

segnificant that he has encouraged the owners of Tamensk to supplement thair cost to this opinest at a cost of £18,000. Another hitherto isobaeten coll, he powered to a five-length success in the Tattersalis Houghton Sales Stakes over the Dewhurst course and

istance a fortnight ago. At 7-1 with the Tote, TAMARISK rates god

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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

Daggers Drawn

Central Park

THUNDERER

going: good to soft

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

(2-Y-0: £4,518: 7f 9yd) (7)

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2.00 WYMESWOLD CONDITIONS STAKES

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7-4 Mediatron 7-2 Absolutly Sparides, Social Charter 6-1 Harmonic Way, 10-1 others

2.30 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES

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STORMY BLUE S Woods 8-11

3.00 WHISSENDINE SELLING HANDICAP

(£2,889: 71 9yd) (20)

7-4 Emure Gold, 9-2 Bondastic, 7-1 Mudatel, 8-1 Russian Party, 10-1 other

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By CHRIS MCGRATH THERE is nothing grandiose

or self-conscious about the naming of Saturday's card at Newmarket as Champions' Day. Lavishly backed, with over £750,000 in prize-money. the afternoon is asserting a profile that should have Longchamp and the Breeders' Cup looking to their laurels and provides an appropriate platform for the final appearance on British soil of Benny

It had seemed depressingly likely that the Derby winner would complete his racing career in North America this

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PRIOLO PRIMA (4_30 Leicester) Next best: Ledgendry Line (3.20 Ayr)

Thunderer was in sparkling form yesterday, including Keyo (25-1) and Alfahaal (8-1) among his winners.

autumn, with the Canadian International at Toronto this weekend being earnestly considered as an alternative stepping stone to the Breeders' Cup. But yesterday John Gosden, his trainer, delighted admirers of this splendidly game colt by announcing that he would be given one more home game on Saturday.

"We've decided not to go to Canada because if he were to run well there, he'd only have 12 days to be turned around and flown to California," Gosden said. "That would be too stiff a schedule for a threeyear-old without much experience of travelling."
Benny The Dip has been

given a break since finishing third to Singspiel at York in August, and has been showing his appreciation by working with uncharacteristic zest at

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.20-CHOCOLATE.

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relused, D — disqualified). Horse's name Days since last outing, J & purps, F il fist. (B — blinters, V — vtsor. H — Irond, E — Eyestheld.
C — course winner, D — distance winner. CD —

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

Long Randican: Reinefield Beauty 7-9, Libertz Bett 7-8.

2.50 LOCH DEE CLAIMING STAKES

(£2,742: 1m 2f 192yd) (5 runners)

(£5,169: 1m 5/ 13yd) (9 runners)

(2-Y-0: £3,015: 6f) (12 runners)

2.20 LOCH ENOCH NURSERY HANDICAP

GOING: SOFT

2.20 Rhinefield Beauty

2.50 Deadline Time.

3.20 Ledgendry Line



The Derby winner, Benny The Dip, far side, makes his final British appearance at Newmarket on Saturday

3.50 ALLIED DOMECO INNS BUDGET BEATERS MAIDEN STAKES

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WATERWAVE namously cets the vote over Ricardo

BETTING: 9-4 Bies Quest, 7-2 Royal Rights, 9-2 Chocotale, 8-1 Rangatira. Sel Trail, 12-1 Month Othie Bonter, 16-1 Avazzonian, Brave Mogle, Ryelleld Star, 25-1 Culcuggie.

1996: BRAVE ACT 9-0 6 Deficie (11-8) M Prescut 6 ran

BEST CLUEST can improve on an encouraging debut

BETTING: 11-2 Rich Glow, 7-1 Smithers Dornleion, Young Bes, 8-1 Hapat, Lucy in The Sty, 10-1 Pathaze.

1996; RICH GLOW 5-8-12 K Fallon (3-1) N Bycroft 7 IA

Sold Edge 1%1 Sh to Patsy Grimes in 51 Haydock handicap (good to firm). Naissand 5441 12h to Lamorna in 77 Cataxick handicap (good to firm). Young Ben 161 3rd to Ansellman 51 Leicester inaprentice 51 Hamilton Annicap (good to firm). Young Ben 161 3rd to Ansellman 51 Leicester inaprentice 51 Hamilton Annicap (good to soft) with Patition (31) worse off) 48 fth and Patitince (11b better off) 1441 10th. Rich Glow 4441 15th to Mon Bruce in 51 Protectact handicap (good to firm). Southern Dominton neck 2nd to Magic Late in 61 Leicester handicap (good to firm). Dona Filipa 541 13th to Inast Bob in 51 Newcastle handicap (good to firm). Both Annither Edisonde 550 worse off) 481 Lucy in The Soft 41 to Beau Venture in 56 Goodwood handicap (good). Bizzing into 941 13th to Cross The Border in 51 Misselburgh apprentices handicap (good). Bizzing into 941 13th to Cross The Border in 51 Misselburgh apprentices handicap (good). Seconds Avery 21 2nd to Pine Ridge Lad in 1m Hamilton handicap (good).

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ROCH GLOW, who runs well here, has slipped to an attractive mark

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4.20 E B F LINFERN MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,376: 71) (10 runners)

4.50 LOCH VALLEY HANDICAP

(£3,113; 5f) (20 runners)

TRAINERS

Waterwave. 71:1 3rd to Northern Blessing in 1m Notlingham maiden (good to Timm). Classic Jenny 21:15th to Ismaros in 11:0m Windsor maider (good). Ricardo 51 2nd to Loney Hearl in 11:0m n). San Francisco 14:1 5th to Tyrolean Oream in 1m 11: Hamilton

s (same Jems) 181 79). Taberann by Doyoun colt out of Tabessa, a ga 5½1 6th to Wisbing Stone in 1m Windsor maiden (good).

home. But Gosden warned: Frankly, he'll just need the run, and the race will really sharpen him up. But he has certainly developed a lot and really filled out."

Singspiel figured among the ten five-day acceptors, but is thought likely to be kept fresh for Hollywood Park. That leaves Pilsudski, who had a hard race in Paris nine days ago, to be entrusted with sustaining the remarkable level of achievement this year by

Michael Stoute, their trainer. For their juniors, this represents one last, lucrative opportunity to retrieve some respect. Entrepreneur has been retired to stud, but Revoque and

9.50 Ricardo

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Nightlark, 4.20 BEST QUEST

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BETTING: 4-1 Ketinesing, 5-1 Miles Vivien, 7-1 Sellierk Rose, Ribmeticid Beauty, 8-1 First Village, 10-1 Selvez La Trace, Perfect Harmony, Liberte Bell, 14-1 others

First Village 7/41 last of 5 in Risque Lady in 5/ Haydock states (good). Suivez La. Trace 17/1 12th to Hulpoon in 6/ Ayr wares (good) in 50/ Selderk Rose of 10/11th to Regel Revolution in 6/ Ayr wares (good to firm). Kettlesing best Risa's Rock Ape 1/ in 5/ Notlingham nursery (good to firm) with Wishboard Ape 1/ in 5/ Notlingham nursery (good to firm) with Wishboard Perfect Harmony 97/41 13th to Alig Dancer in 5/ Bath Rises maiden auction states (good). Risheeted Beauty 44/1 4th to Migrity Sore in 5/ Redear nursery (firm). Liberte Bell 6/41 7th to Prix Star In 5/ Hamilton maiden auction states (good to soft).

KETTLESING is improving and has the scope to complete the keble

1996: SOCIETY GIRL 3-9-2 Days Mickey (4-6 km) C Thomaso 5 rat

Begornat 4/41 8th to Solar Storm in 1m Ayr handicap (good to soil). Forces 1ail 231 6th to Top Jem in 11/4m Newcastle bandicap (soil). Deadling Time 141 6th to Falls O'Moness in 1m11 Ayr claimer (good to soil). Grate Times 151 7th to 1arl to selling handicap 11/4m Redow (firm). Imperial Or Metric 211 10th to Salfron Rose in 1m Notlingham handicap (soil).

DEADLINE TIME is better than these on his best behaviour

3.20 ALLOA PUBS AND RESTAURANTS BUDGET BEATERS HANDICAP

RETTING: 11-4 Viginius Sands, 9-2 Leagendry Line, 6-1 Hd Farm Blues, 7-1 Nightiark, Tyconocess, 8-1 Classic Flyer, Lord Advocate, 10-1 others.

Webble Sands neck 2nd to Ferry Hill in 194m Redear handlesp (firm). Mightlank 111 134h to Arriving in 154m Newbury Niles (firm) Mightlank 111 134h to Arriving in 154m Newbury Niles (firm) Mightlank 111 134h to Arriving in 154m Newbury Niles (firm) Mightlank 111 134h to Arriving in 154m Newbury Niles (firm) One For Balleys 26 11th lo Forgie in 134m York handlesp (soil) with Lord Arbovack (5th worse of) 138 8th Tyconness 554 4th lo Tessajos in 154m Cabarick soil) with Classic Paper 934 8th lo Unchanged in 1m7 Fallessone handlesp (inn) handlesp (good to firm). Lord Arbovack (5th worse of) 138 8th Tyconness 554 4th lo Tessajos in 154m Cabarick handlesp (good to firm). Lord Arbovack (5th worse of) 138 8th Tyconness 554 4th lo Tessajos in 154m Arbovack (15th better of) 158 10th.

NIGHTLAPK is the subject of encouraging reports from Newmarks!

1986: DESERT FROUC 3-8-15 J Weaver (4-5 Ear) M Johnston 6 ran

1998: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.20 Chocolate

4.50 Leading Princess

Bahhare, long thwarted by injury -- and beaten in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot last month - can resume their rehabilitation. Revoque may yet be dropped to seven furlongs for the Prix de la Foret, although Peter Chapple-Hyam is keen to try him over Saturday's trip of ten furlanes.

RACING: DERBY WINNER MISSES TORONTO EVENT IN FAVOUR OF CHAMPION STAKES

The trip is also uncharted territory for Bahhare, who kept on stoutly when fourth over a mile at Ascot, only his second run back from a year of enforced inertia. That race was not particularly strongly run, and there must be an element of doubt over Bahhare's stamina, as a half-

brother by Woodman to the top miler, Bahri. Angus Gold, racing manager to Sheikh Hamdan al-Maktoum, said: Bahri did not seem to get the trip when he tried it in the same race, but that was at the end of a long year. This horse shapes as though he is more likely to get it."

Rebecca Sharp, so cruelly denied in the Ascot race, drops to what could prove her best trip, seven furlongs, in the Challenge Stakes, one of four group races on a card further embellished by the Tote Cesarewitch. "You could say she was unlucky at Ascot," Geoff Wragg, her trainer, said. The recent rain should per-

ni 3-9-0 K Darley ng Chido J Goldie 3-9-0 J Christs

mit some of the better class of jumpers to distract us soon. Unhappily, however, Midnight Legend will not be among them. He was expected to develop into a Champion Hurdle contender this season. But David Nicholson has been forced to abandon such ambitions after Stan Clarke, his owner, decided that Midnight Legend should instead pursue a career at stud. "He's off to Conkwell Grange Stud to replace Nicholas Bill, who died recently." Nicholson said. "Doing it this way round allows him a full season at stud next year, and I am sure he will make a great dual-purpose stallion."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

20.90 CSF: 523.33. 2.50 (1m) 1, Right Wing (K Darley, 2-1 lav. Timeloneper's top ramigh: 2. The Wild Widow (66-1); 3, Ricky Ticky Tavre (4-1); 5 rar. 194; 84; W Herr. Toler: 52.40; \$1.20, 25.20 DF: 225.00 CSF: \$59.55 S.20 (fm) 1. Keyo (C Lowfier, 25-1); 2. Prince Ashleigh (15-2); 3. Flow By (8-1); Maskini-9-2-tav, 15-ra + 4, ink TEtherington, Tote: 249-30, 29-70, 12-40, 12-40, 15-119-10, 1555; 1218-18, Trinc: 248-30 (part won, Pool of 250, 78 carried forward to 3.00 Lelevistic includ. Treaset: 51-57-96.

3.50 (Im 21 152)d) 1. Pakary (D Holland, 10-1); 2. Shaffishayes (5-1); 3. Agylo (9-2 say), 10 san Sh Ind, 23-1 M Johnston, Tole 29.10, 52.20, 51.50, 52.60, DF: 527.20. Tho: 522.40 CSF: 551.51. Turquet 5255.48 After a stream's inquiry the result shood. AMAZOMAN (6 Reed) C Thomion 9-0 Dean McKeowen —

6 REST QUEST 11 (Exors late it Allen) J Goscies 9-0 J Carroll 69

0 SRAVE MAPLE 19 (Bone Maple Partnership) J Existics 9-0 J Tate 62

CLICCHAGGE (Goldwa Robertson) J Eyn 9-0 T Williams —

MORTH OFTHE DOPPER (R Aland) Liyer 9-0 T Williams —

RANGATRA CJ Robb) M Johnston 9-0 D Holland —

SROYAL RISHTS 76 (Steels Motamment) D Loder 9-0 R Cocknaire 9-0 S Sanders —

10 RYEPIELD STAR 25 (R Aland) Berry 9-0 S Sanders —

56220 CHOCOLATE 19 (R.BF) (H R N Prince Fahd Salvan) J Durtop 8-9 K Dadey (MES)

00 SET TRAR, 26 (J Harmon) J Harmon 8-9 E Jelesson 74

> 130 (719-c) 1, Only in Dreams (M Tebbut, 5-1); 2, Astrapr (11-10 fav), 3, Chocolate Box (14-1), 14 ran, 11-; 11-t B Meehan, Tota: £1030; £3.30, £100, £5.00, DF £3.50 Trior £47.80 CSF-£10.52. 2.30 (Im 84/L) CSF (10.52 2.00 (Im 84/L) (L) Etianary (I. Deticat, 7-1); 2, Katie Komatte (7-1); 3, Mayllower (33-1); 4, Bold Feath (5-1 tay) 20 ran 2, 1 W. J Gooden, Tote, £7.90; 52.60, £2.40, £20.70; \$1.50** OFF** (23.10** Thro: 2494.90.* CSF-£50.12, 7ticast; 51,489.90.* CSF-

130.12. (ncast: £1.498.04 2.30 (1m 8yd) I, Atlanasi (J Red, 8-1), 2 Star Tum (7-1), 3. Tulsa (33-1), Due8o 9-4 tav. 19 ran NR Fem's Governor Sh ha 1%I R. Johnson Houghton 104: £8 80, £2.80, £4.20, £13.30 DF £61 70 Tho £397.00 part won (pool of £335.50 carried forward to 3.00 Ledester today). CSF £56.93.

Plecepot: \$272.20 Quadpot: \$75.00.

Newton Abbot Going: good to firm (good in places)

23.3 23.1 20.2 16.7 11.6

3.10 (2m 110₀d ch), 1. Amlah (8 Powes, 8-13 fav); 2. Cespian Beluga (4-1); 3. Chickebiddy (7-1) 4 ran NR Northem Saddler, 7, 3. P Hobbs, Tote £1.50 DF, £3-60, CSF, £3.38 3,40 (2m el holie) 1, Geory's Pride (A Maguire, 5-4 tax); 2, Hillswick (9-4), 3, Blue Rocette (10-1), 7 ren 4, 71. J Muslins, Toter £2,20; £1 60, £2,00 DF: £4.50 CSF: £4.43

£120. CSF: £2.02 4.40 (2m. 1f hdie) 1, Harlequin Walk (F Tromton, 11-10 tan); 2, Amepa (4-1); 3, Game Dilemma (5-2); 7 tan. 2l, 10l, R O'Sultuan Tota; £1.90; £1.60, £2.70 DF: £3.50. CSF £6.42. Placecot: \$20.20

Going: soft 2.20 (6) 1, Court Lene (K Fallon, 1-3 lav); 2, Esse (50-1); 3, Splendid (3-1), 6 ran, 9t, 1-41 D Loder, Tote: \$1.20, \$1.10, \$12.50, DF-20.90 CSF: \$23.33.

resuit stoot.
4.20 (im 51 13yd) 1, Once More For Luck (A.Cuihare, 9-4); 2, Foccar (7-1); 3, Flyaway Blues (16-1) Speculative 2-1 tay 14 ran 4l, 91. Mrs. M. Reweley Tote: 54 20; 51 10, 52 70, 57 30. DF-58 30. Tinc. 539 10 CSF: 517.94. Bought in 7,000grs.

E17.94. Bought in 777/1974.
4.50 (1m 1f) 1, Zorba (N Kennedy, 12-1], 2.
Gedroon (12-1), 3, Foot Battation (11-4 j-tav). Define 11-4 j-tav. 11 ran. 11, nk. J.
Heitherton. Tota. E16.60; E3.70. E2.30.
E1.70. DF £43.00 Tiro: £110.70 CSF.
£127.80. Tricast £471.77 Placepot: £137.10 Quadpot: £41.50.

Leicester Going: soft

Best Onest 51/1 6th to Daring Derek in 6f Langfield maiden (firm) Brave Maple 111 18th to Perompi Derivery in 6f Ponteinaci maiden (good to firm). North Other Border brother, by Primo Domane, to useful First Turne, Rangefira tell-hoother, by Royal Academy, to useful flich in Love. Royal Rights 121 5th to Archaetha Hern in 6f Goodwood marken (good to firm). Ochocolate 29 9th to Naskh vs. Im Ponteinact nursery (good to firm). Set Trail 11/41 2nd to Archic Air en 7f Ayr malden (good to cott) with Ryelfield Star (same terms) 25i lost.

23.00 (Im 1/ 218yd) 1, Assistr (I, Detton, 5-4 8ay); 2, St Helensheld (9-4); 3, Abuteal (2-1); 3 ran. 1 K-l, 201. S bin Surgor. Tota: £1.80. DF: £2.60 CSF. £3.82. 3.30 (rm 11 218yd) 1, Hoding Place (M Fersion, 9-4 y-tay); 2, Pranss (7-1); 3, Red Maple (9-4)-143/, 16 rm NR Pericat Way, Ruby Bear, Hul, 21, M Bell, Toter £3.40; 01.30, 01.80, 91.60, DF £22.70, Tro. 527.30 CSF £20.21

127.30 CSF £20.21 4.00 (1m 31 183yd) 1. Secret Ballot (W J O'Comor, 8-1); 2, Dovedon Star (7-1); 3, Deep Water (8-1) Tyrolean Dream (87t) 7-2 lav 14 ran NR. Saker What Hd. St. K. Mands. Tota. £11.80. £2.70, £3.80. £1.70 DF £37.50. Trio £241.53. CSF £57.56 Incest £446.41

2440 (7) 9ycl 1, Shalaad S Carson, 33-1; 2, Seguaro (7-1), 3, Wad Sky (3-1), Slar Invader 2-1 lav 13 ran, 2, 5 M Chapman Tota: 521 50; 52 70 52 10 5150 DF 539 60 Trio, 5170 60 CSF-5248,32 239 60 110. L'1700 Car 5.00 [77 5yd] 1, La Nuit Rose (L Detror, 7-4); 2, Yanabi (6-4 tas), 3, Pursur Venture (16-1), 13 ran 4, 1 141 S bin Suroor, Tote: 53.30; 52.40, 51.10, 517 30 DF 52-10, Tno: 524.10-CSF- 54 52 Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,128.31 certied forward to Leicester today).

2.10 (2m 5f 110 yd ch) 1. Thursday Night (1 J Murphy, 15-8); 2. Faustino (4-6 tav); 3, Cool Weather (6-1) 4 ran 251, dist. P Nichola Tote: 22.30 DF \$1.50. CSF 23 59.

2.40 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Conneught Crecker (R Durwoody, 5-2 lay); 2, Smart Lord (7-2); 3, Muse Cess (25-1) 3 ran. 10, 11, P Hobbs Totar 52.40; 61 70, 51.90, 52.20 DF: 57.40 CSF: £11.17

4.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Ashwell Boy (R Dunwoody, A-11 favl 2, Northern Starlight (11-5) 3, Morstock (12-1) 6 can 2, 91 P Hobbs Tele: £1.50; £1.60, £1.10 DF £1.20, CSF: £2.02

3.30 EDGE & ELLISON FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £5,424. 1m 8yd) (3) 501 (2) 3144 KEYBOOGE 62 (G R Charton 9-13 502 (1) 0420 PREPA 4 (VF) D Louis 8-9 . 563 (3) 1640 STAR PRECISION 67 (6.5) G Balding 8-3 11-8 Star Precision 6-4 Pivena, 3-1 Keyboogie

4.00 PADDOCK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,994. 1m 3i 183yd) (18) 501 (13) 0054 PARADISE NAVY 8 (B.F.S) C 6germa 3-9-11 602 (5) 6210 STATAJACK 12 (B.D.F.S.S) D Etworth 3-9-11 603 (13) GQY NOCATIFHN 50) DY K (Exogen 3-9-9-1 604 (4) -500 RACING TELEGRAPH 20 (6) C Allon 7-9-5 625 (7: 0600 AFRICAN SUN 16 M Chapman 4-9-2 Filerin Diversion 625 (15: 45- ANUIU 598 (D.F.) I Pource 5-9-2 Filerion 626 (15: 45- ANUIU 598 (D.F.) I Pource 5-9-2 D Griffins (3) (20) ARASTION 14 0D D Cognore 4-9-2 R Macien (5) 600 (2: 0150 ARF 6 (D.S.) J.A. Henr. 5-8-13 Pair Edwary 610 (1) 5-9 MANAL GAMES 12 M Poe 48-13 Filynch 611 (12) 1023 CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 117 (D.F.) & Camacin 48-11 L Champagne WARRIOR 117 (D.F.) & Champagne WARRIO 612 1161 3320 ROYAL ROULETTE 8 (V) S Words 3-8-10 613 (6) 00 HALAVADREAM 99 M Botom 3-8-9 614 (7) 0024 BGBBY'S DREAM 42 M Tempions 5-8-8 615 (10) 0065 TOCOD JEWEL 42 (6) M Ryan 7-8-5 676 (8) 6625 MBAMI MOON 95 G Jehnson Houghton 3-8-4

617 (11) 0 BARICSTON WARRIOR B D State 3-8-3 . 5 Drawne 5-618 (9) 3664 BOBBIT 27 (8) W Janes 3-8-1 . . 8 Preside (2) 63 31 Pandre Kany, 5-1 Nevel Sames, 7-7 Statepth, Champagne Warner 5-7 Seat Hainter, 10-1 Royal Routette, 12-1 Bubbit, 14-1 others

4.30 STEWARDS HANDICAP (£3,795: 1m 11 218yd) (19)

(13) 010- DESIGNER LINES 402 (F) C James 4-10-0 C (6) 0-00 KINGS ASSEMBLY 33 (CO.F.G.S) P Hame 5-10-1 K Fallon 69 (15) 1002 SHENING EXAMPLE 52 (D.F.G) P Makin 5-9-13

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(2-Y-0: £4,198: 1m 8yd) (20)
1 (20) ALL MADE UP M Bell 9-0 M. Ferdon
2 (16) 00 AMBIGUOUS 12 D Lode: 9-0 J Fortune 6
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7 (2) MORIAN Mrs A Periett 9-0 A Clark
8 (14) 2 MAJESTIC HELLS 13 (8F) J Dunlop 9-0 . L Deston 79
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11 (10) 0506 MYSTAGOGUE 47 R Harmon 9-0 Dame O'Nelli 8
11 (70) 0506 MYSTAGOGUE 47 R Harron 9-0 Dane O'Melil 8 (3) 5 PELAGOS 26 R Charlton 9-0 T Sprate: 9 13 (18) 0 RAIMMAKER 26 M Janes 9-0 Paul Eddery 6
13 (18) O RAMMAKER 26 M James 9-0 Paul Eddery 6
14 (13) ROLLING HESH D Morray Smith 9-0 . J F Egan
14 (1.3) ROLLING HESH D Moray Smith 8-0 J F Egan 15 (9) O SABRE BUTT 136 M Tomptons 9-0 D Bogs 16 (8) OD SALFORD 22 L Comani 9-0 R Firench (3) 7
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- 1-1
5-2 Brimmang, 11-2 Majestoc Hills, 7-1 Mainhib, 10-1 Mainhibs, Secrecy Cox
Snow 12-1 Ambiguous Classic Impact 14-1 others

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2.40 CHESTNUT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,390: 2m 1f) (8)

1 P24P BURIS 31 (D.F.S) Mes J Brown 6-11-10 ... E Catington (3) 2 30-3 ERDTWIST 20 (CD.E.S) (5 A Harter 8-11-6 ... F Lastry (3) 3 56-2 RDVAL CRCUS 12 (D.F.G) P Host 8-10-13 ... E Hustond (3) 4 5-44 SUDDAW SAMBA 14 (CD.G) Miss M Revely 8-18-12 (6 Leg (3) 5 3432 MR MONTAGUE 5 T Dornelly 5-10-12 ... R Johnson 6 -022 WESTERN VERTURE 11 M Ware 4-10-1 ... A S Smith 7 8-58 SPRING 10AUCD 88 (7) I Montand Johnson 6-10-1 A Maguite 8 0-40 PETRICO 13* P Beaumon 5-10-0 ... B Grattan (5) 9-4 Skolden Samba, 3-1 Mr Monlague, 9-2 Royal Circus, 11-2 others.

3.10 RED ONION HANDICAP HURDLE (\$3,420: 2m 5f 110yd) (4) 3.40 CHILTON CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,140. 2m 110yd) (7)

(25,140. 2811 119(J) (1)

1 5233 GROSS CAMMON 4 (CD.F.6.S) J Wade 11-12-0 ... A P McCoy

2 21-F SILVER MRX 28 (D.F.6.S) Mrs M Revelry 5-11-8 ... P Niven

3 1477 MCRINGE N MAY 554 (D.F. 11-blanco 9-11-7 A Magazie

4 79-5 STROMS VEWS 19 (D.F.6.S) 6 A Harter 10-11-7 A Thorston

5 -311 SUAS LEAT 14 (CD.F.6) J Jellesson 7-11-4 ... E Callagton (3)

6 000 MAPLE BAY 13F (D.F.) B (Eson 6-10-9 ... G McCormack (7)

7 1P-0 GONE ASHORE 24 (D.F.) M Barnes 6-10-1 ... A Dobbin

7-4 Suas Leat 9-4 Silver Mins. 3-1 Cross Cannon, 12-1 Maple Bay, 14-1 others 4.10 SCOTMAIL HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,726: 3m 3f) (7)

9-4 Galen, 3-1 Reve De Valce, 5-1 Jauney Grg. 6-1 Dakusman. 7-1 others

4.40 SYCAMORE NOVICE CHASE (£3,040, 2m 5/) (7) 1 59-1 CHEATER 20 (8.F) J Housen Jubicace 6-11-5 A Magaze
2 5-3F COTISTOWN BOY 19 Mrs S Brachame 6-11-5 Mr Feater
3 DPP- STELLAR FORCE 218 Mrs S House-Haiter 6-11-5 Mr T Barry (7)
4 4-23 TOWN'S FEELINGS 3T (6) Mrs D Thomson 9-11-5 A Thomson 5-10-6 EDISTORE 157 J Dates 5-11-3 R Thomson 5-10-6 TALL TALE J Medis 5-11-3 A S Somb
7 504- ADE MEJADORE 155 (5) Nicheson 8-11-0 K Johnson
7 504- ADE MEJADORE 155 (5) Nicheson 8-11-0 K Johnson 6-11-0 K John

4-6 Chesten, 4-1 Tony's Feellogs, Cottstown Boy, 8-1 Aide Memoire, 20-1 others. 5.10 ASH INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,214: 2m 1i) (14)



Richard Dunwoody, above, rode his 1,500th winner on the Philip Hobbs-trained Ashwell Boy in the Sapphire & Diamond Novices' Chase at Newton Abbot yesterday. "It meant nearly as much as winning the championship." Dunwoody said. "I hope it won't be too long before I reach the 2,000 mark." Dunwoody has been the champion National Hunt rider on three occasions.



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JOCKEYS: L Deport, 38 womers from 175 rides, 21.678; J Westver, 18 from 87, 20.7%; J Red, 16 born 113.14.276; K Fation, 12 from 87, 13.8%; F Lynch, 7 from 51; 13.7%; Danie C'Neill, 8 from 64, 12.5%; R Little, 10 from 84, 11.9%.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Mackis, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; P Bowen, 5 from 17, 29.4%; Mrs M Reveloy, 70 from 247, 28.3%; J Rizgerald, 14 from 51; 27.5%; P ark, 6 som 25, 24.0%; J J J Letierson, 7 from 35, 20.0%; Mrs D Thomson, 4 from 20, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: P Niven, 56 winners from 180 rides, 31.1%; C McColmack, 7 from 25, 29.9%; A Maguese, 18 from 75, 24.0%; E Husband, 4 from 17, 23.5%; S Meriose, 3 from 13, 23.1%; G Los, 12 from 54, 22.2%; L Wyer, 23 from 110, 20.8%.

Elliott presents case for the defence

Richard Hobson talks to the Leicester City player making an impact late in his career

s Jack Charlton strode unyieldingly through the 1966 World Cup, the fact that he had to wait until a month before his thirtieth birthday for an international debut became harder to credit. His transformation from journeyman central defender to an integral member of the best side in the world

in little more than a year is legendary. Charlton struck a blow for every professional player of advancing years. Never give up hope, he said through his deeds. For national managers, too, there is a lesson of eternal relevance. Age should no more bar a first cap in the late twenties than it should at 18.

Matt Elliott is 29 next month. Like Charlton, he has flowered late, but significantly. Indeed, Martin O'Neill, the man who brought him to Leicester City from Oxford United in January, rates him as the fourth-best English central defender at present, behind Adams, Campbell and Pallister. It seems extraordinary that Elliott was not given a chance in the FA Carling Premier-

ship earlier. The question now is whether Glenn Hoddle will deem him worthy of an opportunity before the World Cup finals next summer. If not, then Craig Brown is aware that Elliott's grandmother hailed from Scotland and he is monitoring developments. The player was born and bred in London and still speaks with a heavy southern accent, but he does not want to talk up his hopes of appearing for England, lest Brown

The first thing that Hoddle and Brown will observe about Elliott is that he actually looks like a central defender. He is 6ft 3in and 15st, but cuts an even more imposing figure because of his close-cropped hair. steel blue eyes and square jaw. He can be a bruising, uncompromising stopper but is sound enough on the ball to have played in midfield earlier in his career and poses a considerable threat at set-pieces.

Southampton attempted to sign him at the start of the year before Leicester nipped in with a club record bid of £1.6 million. He joined a happy band of players in a dressing-room where egos wither. At that time, too, Leicester were in contention for two cups and accumulating league points regularly enough to remain clear of the

relegation zone.
"I had always played in a back

four everywhere else, but being in the middle of a three suits me better and I picked it up very quickly," Elliott said. There are a lot of decent players in the lower divisions who do not get the chance to move up. I felt I was ready for the Premiership and that was a big motivation towards the end at Oxford, but I was lucky that somebody was prepared to take a gamble on me.

"Other clubs were supposedly looking at me when I was 24 or 25. but they were probably not quite sure and, to be honest, I do not think I was good enough at that time. My tactical awareness has developed over the past couple of years and at Leicester I have improved by playing against better strikers. When you look at the opposition, it is almost like alguing an international almost like playing an international

every week.
"Earlier in my career, I had a few lapses in concentration and got away with most of them. It is a bad habit and in the Premiership you are punished nearly every time. You have to take responsibility."

llion believes that had he been asked at 18 to state his ambitions, he would have settled for his present position. Then again, he hardly began auspiciously. At 14, he declined to sign schoolboy forms with Crystal Palace because he was disillusioned with the seriousness of it all. He left school at 17 and drifted instead into general building work. His break came when Jim

Hendry, the Charlton Athletic physiotherapist, spotted him playing for Epsom and Ewell and fixed him up with a trial. Charlton were in the old first division at the time and Elliott accepted their offer of a one-year contract. He appeared just once for the first team but received a good grounding under Lennie Lawrence before joining Torquay United. A spell at Scunthorpe United preceded is move to Oxford, whom he helped to promotion in 1995-96.

Cup-tied last season, he missed Leicester's run to Coca-Cola Cup success. The defence of that trophy begins against Grimsby Town tonight and O'Neill has pledged to field his strongest team rather than rest players for the rigours of the Premiership. Ellion, then, will have many more chances to catch the eye before next summer - but whose eyes will be watching him closest?



Elliott shows Nicky Butt, of Manchester United, why he has become such a formidable defender

ICE HOCKEY

Newcastle fail to make their mark

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AFTER two weeks of the Superleague, four of the eight teams share the lead at the top of the embryonic table, all with four points. Only Newcastle Cobras have yet to secure a point. They will have to show a rapid improvement in their forward play if they are to break that duck, as they managed only 13 shots on goal in their 41 defeat against Sheffield Steelers.

Manchester Storm suffered their third overtime loss of the season; two defeats in the season; two deteats in the European League have been followed by their first in domestic competition. At the end of the second period they were level at 2-2 with Basingstoke Bison, fell behind control to the third particular than the second period they were level at 2-2 with Basingstoke Bison, fell behind control to the third particular than the second period but early in the third period but, thanks to Dale Jago, levelled the score six minutes later. In the second minute of overtime, Kevin Conway scored his sec-ond goal of the game to give Basingstoke victory. The Basingstoke victory. The Storm will be hoping for better luck this evening when they face Sparta Prague in the third of their European League

Nottingham Panthers completed a disappointing week-end in Scotland and their 4-2 defeat against Ayr Scottish Eagles was followed, in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals on Saturday, by 6-3 reverse in the

Superleague on Sunday. It was close for the first two periods, at the end of which the Eagles led 3-2. Paul Adey brought Nottingham level in the first minute of the third session, but three unanswered goals sealed their fate. Cardiff Devils gained their

third win of the season in as many games against Brack-nell Bees. It took them only eight seconds to open the scoring and, although two goals in 76 seconds allowed Bracknell to be level at 2-2 by the eighth minute, the Devils were 4-2 ahead by the first interval and never looked like being caught. The Devils are doing well despite the absence of the injured Doug McCarthy Manulik, who has been suffer-

SNOOKER

Hendry has chance to reaffirm his superiority

By PHIL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY'S aura of invincibility, firmly in place throughout the 1990s, has shown signs of waning over the past six months and while the Grand Prix, which begins at Bournemouth this morning, will not provide the definitive answer as to whether the balance of power in snooker is shifting. Hendry's perfor-mance is guaranteed to fuel

the debate. Hendry opened the season for a record eighth consecutive time at the head of the world rankings. Four days ago he received his seventh player-ofthe year award in eight years after five tournament wins, including the United Kingdom championship, during the 1996-97 campaign.

It is hardly the record of a sportsman in crisis but Hendry has set himself such high standards that when they are not met, questions are invariably asked.

When Hendry was trounced 9-2 by Mark Williams in the final of the British Open in April, competitive fatigue was blamed. Mental burn-out was again used to rationalise his 18-12 defeat by Ken Doherty in the final of the world champ-ionship four weeks later, when the majority of observ-ers assumed that any prob-lems would be solved by a summer of rest. Preliminary indications suggest that this has not necessarily been the

He was beaten 5-0 by Steve Davis in the quarter-finals of an invitation event in Beijing and, two weeks ago, he again failed to survive his initial outing in the Regal Scottish Masters, losing 6-5 to John :

Hendry has won the Grand : Prix four times, but has also suffered his share of disappointment in the competition, including last year, when he was beaten 5-1 by Matthew Stevens in the first round.

Jamie Burnett or Lee Richardson will meet Hendry in : the last 64 on Thursday evening. Should either spring a " surprise, Hendry might even begin to pay attention to the

FOR THE RECURD

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ot NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Broton 56 Cardiff 58 Second division: Chessardton 51 South Bank 61; London 80 Liverpool 64, Swindon 80 Aston 92

BOWLS

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HUGBY UNION WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: First divi-sion: Crawley 3 Wasns 60: Richmond 50 Leods 13; Seracens 87 Cell Leatmretanians 5: St. Albons 10 Waterloo 12: Second division: Alton 34 Sale 10: Backmath 13 Chellenham 10: Cellon 13 Richmond 5; Wharfeddle 5 Wiocesser 50.

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CRAVEN SHIELD: First round, first leg-Swindon 60 Belle Vive 30. First round, second leg: Coveriny 56 Braction 34. Coveriny with 91-99 on aggregate and meet Swindon or Belle Vive in the semi-finals. SCOTTISH CUP: Second leg: Glasgow 47 Edinburgh 43. Edinburgh win on aggregate 92-88

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Rest round: Jansher Nam (Park) bit S Frenz
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Parke (Eng) bit T Hands (Eng) 17-16, 15-4, 15-5; D Medidings (Eng) bit Zubait Jahan (Pak) 15-7, 15-12, 11-5 net: N Taylor (Eng) bit C Walles (Eng) bit 51, 5-9, 5-15, 17-14, 15-9; J Power (Carl) bit A Fazy (Egypt) 15-3, 15-5, 15-11, A Benada (Egypt) bit S
Casteleyn (Bel) 15-12, 15-7, 15-8, A Hin (Aus.) bit O B Borolossy (Egypt) 16-17, 1315, 15-8, 15-7, 15-4; B Daves (Aus.) bit D Ryen (Ire) 15-12, 15-14, 16-12, M Chaloner (Eng) 15-13, 15-16, J Bonshat (Fr) bit M Chalons (Eng) 15-13, 12-15, 9-15, 15-13, 1512-C Weignnick (SA) bit R Eylos (Aus.) 17-16, 8-15, 10-15, 15-13, 17-15.

VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Merc First division: Crotton Sportsmearhouse 1 Streffield 3 (12 15, 15-12, 13-15, 13-15); Retbook Liverpoor City 3 Leede 2 (12-15, 15-8, 15-9, 13-15, 15 7); Malony Lewisham 3 Sportset Whitefield 1 7) Majory Lewisham 3 Sportset Whitefield 0 (15-3, 15-2, 15-13) Tooleng Aquale 3 Stoke 1 (15-10, 15-13, 11-15, 15-13) Women: First devision: Essex Estunians 3 Resook Liverpool City 1 (15-5, 15-10, 11-15, 15-8.

Nationwide League First division fuddersfield v Charlton (7.45) Second division Bristol Rovers v Wattord (7.45) Third round Arsensi v Birmingham (7.45) Bernsley v Southampton (7.45) Bolton v Wimbledon (8.0)

FOOTBALL

kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Bolton v Wimbledon (8.0) Grimsby Lelassier (7.45) Ipswich v Men Utd (7.45) Oxford Utd v Trammere (7.45) Reading v Wolverfampton (7.45) Walsali v Sheffield Utd (7.45) coltish Coca-Cola Cup

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STHMAN LEAGUE: Premier division:
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v Oxford Cay: Yeading v Dulvish (7.45):
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Aldershot Town: Hampton v Leyton Pennart Leatherhead v Mickessy, Maldenhead v
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Hungerford; Tibury v Withern. Third division: Coxydon v Aveley; Ford United v
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Bournemouth, Wigan. Goldnesser, Rotherhant. PEED GODDS: Homes: West Ham. Noting-ham Forest. Shedheld Unland, Bournemouth, Wigan. Averyst, Assental. Bessleys, Dondon. Drews: Leeds, Bleckpool, Stighton.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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OTHER SPORT RUGBY UNION: Club matches: Bath v Oxford University (7.15); Cambridge Univer-sity v Northampton (7.15).

THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

An evening with Kevin Keegan

TIMES readers are i Times/Dillons forum October 16 in London Keegan, the former Newcastle United. Keeg also an England internat er, will be the star speak which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among



the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from Newcastle last season, his views on modern management, his return to football with Fulham and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My

Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SWI at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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RUGBY UNION

Back problem set to keep Guscott out until new year

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

JEREMY GUSCOTT'S international career with England, which illuminated last season only in fitful bursts, is unlikely to be resumed until the new year. A disc problem will prevent him from playing for another month at least so the actional team management, with regret, has omitted him from the training squad at Bisham Abbey tomorrow.

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Even if Guscott were to receive medical clearance in mid-November, that would be too late for England, who begin a demanding run of internationals against Australia on November 15; in successive weeks they play New Zealand, South Africa and New Zealand again.

The immediate beneficiary is likely to be Phil de Glanville. his colleague at Bath, who could yet provide the midfield stability for England De Clanville has put an unhappy perience against Australia

in Sydney last July behind him and has played consistently well during Bath's Heineken Cup campaign more so, perhaps, than the two young lions who seek to ice him, Will Greenwood and Nick Greenstock

disc in the lower back. He was

selected for Bath's game

against Scottish Borders in

Hawick last month but aggra-

vated the injury in training

and will require a further scan

after a four-week rest period.

challenge from the southern

hemisphere has never been

greater, which will be the

stimulus for those players

training tomorrow and from

whom the England and

Emerging England teams to play the All Blacks are likely to

be drawn. Woodward's selec-

tion, which also embraces

three injured players - Tim

Rodber, John Mallett and

David Rees - now has the

merit of being based on present form and includes

several players from a new

there is a place for Tom Beim, the Sale wing, and Phil

Vickery, the 21-year-old Cor-

nish prop who has impressed

will also be pleased that Kyran

Bracken came through his

first senior game for Saracens

on Sunday: Bracken's season

started late because of a shoul-

der damaged playing for the

Excluding London Irish, the

represented in the training

only first-division club not to

squad is Bristol, whose annual

report revealed a loss of nearly

£500,000 on the past financial

year. The club auditors have

warned that, unless consider-

able financial backing can be

achieved, Bristol could be

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Lions in July

Gloucester. Woodward

Apart from Perry and Rees,

All this at a time when the

All three are included in a 38-strong training squad, along with Matt Perry, the young Bath utility back whose qualities have already won the admiration of Clive Woodward, the England coach. "Ir's disappointing that Jerry may not be available for the four internationals but it gives someone else a chance," Woodward said.

Guscott, meanwhile, must endure a further period of frustration; he missed the 1993-94 season because of a persistent groin strain, broke his forearm during the last game of the British Isles tour to South Africa in July and is now suffering from a bulging

Lomu's recovery gives New Zealand strength

A YEAR ago English rugby braced itself for a further battering from Jonah Lomu, their nemesis during the 1995 World Cup in South Africa (David Hands writes). Longu, the giant wing, toured as a Barbarians but his form was muted and he was subsefently diagnosed to be suf-fering from a rare kidney disorder.

However, England will see a fully fit Lomu this autumn. He is restored to full health ... said. and renews his challenge for a place on the All Blacks' wing in internationals against England, Wales and Ireland. He was named yesterday in a 36strong touring squad after scoring two tries for Counties-Manukau in their 85-17 win over Southland.

But while Lomu, 18st and still only 22, will be the focus of attention for might enthus iasts here, John Hart has for the tour. Mark Robinson, 22, has been preferred to Junior Tonu'n at scrum half, Andrew Blowers, the Auckland flanker, returns after a lengthy injury and Aaron Hopa is included after an outstanding first full season in the Waikato back row.

"We need to grow other half backs and Mark Robinson has played well under diffi-Hart, the New Zealand coach,



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Charles Sentance, of Singer & Friedlander, escapes from a bunker yesterday

Anglo Holt hold the line

AS AN exercise in patience it could hardly be beaten. Anglo Holt Construction, a building firm from West Bromwich were the first team back in the clubhouse at The Tytherington yesterday and they then had to wait while 24 more teams trooped in before they were able to celebrate victors in the North West regional final of The Times Mees-

Pierson Corporate Golf Chall-The Anglo Holt team had to endure 2½ hours of torture as others attacked their total of 77 Stableford points. Some fell agonisingly short, but Anglo Holt held the line resolutely.

In fact, if any team were going to have to wait, they were better equipped to do so than anybody else in the field. They held their original golf day in the first week in January and then had to sweat it out through nine months before they knew they were going to be in the regional final. - Three of them, Alan Sly,

Paul Weston and Tony

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at the end - Matt Farmer, a two-handicap Worcestershire county player, had to dash off to a business appointment immediately he came off the course. He was the lucky one. He did not have to slug his way through what felt to the rest more like a week than a matter of hours.

"We thought we might have a chance of finishing in the top three or four," Sly, the team captain, said. "But then when time went by and we were still not being overtaken, we began to think that we could win." As in so many of these

regional finals, the winning score was gained with a mixture of good golf and a soupcon of luck. Every one of

the four scored points at vital times but Sly, Weston and Mycock were willing to recognise Farmer's three birdies.

Another high spot was the 13th, where Weston had a net eagle three for four points and Sly a net birdie for three. The seven points picked up there, and another seven three holes later, set them up for the long

wait. "That's when the tension

started to get to us," Sly said "All we feel now is relieved."

With which, Sly and his two remaining team-mates left to ring Farmer, who was to be told that they had had the winning score, but victory had been denied them because all four members of the team had to be present at the end. Born sadists, some people.

RESULTS: 77: Anglo Holt Construction Ltd 75: Northern Glacs, Fradshern Golt Children's Chartly, 74; Walker Smith & Way 73: Perpias 71: HSBC Gabbs Ltd, 70: Durslay Ltd; Jecksons II 89: The Wooden Spoon Society I; Peter Marsh & Sons Ltd 68: Jrtait Europe pic: The Wooden Spoon Society II; Ruse Holdings Ltd; White & Co 67: Single & Friedlander (sile of Man) Ltd, 68: Cdy Electrical Factors Ltd, 64: JR Taylor at Whiteheads; Hodgsons, British Telecom North East, CEF Wigan, 68: Menchaeler Publishy Association, Mace & Jones Grundy Kershaw, Jacksons I 61: Benymans Lace Mawer, Lookers Liverpool, 60: The Peper Mellers; Alled Trades Associate Sessons.

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Montgomerie must go west on glory trail

By John Hopkins, Golf correspondent

NO ONE said that all decisions are easy and certainly the one that Colin Montgomerie is wrestling with will have generated many hours of discussion between him and Eimear, his wife. Should they paint the nursery in blue or pink before the birth of their third child in May?

By comparison, deciding whether or not to move to the United States is easy. Montgomerie has another two weeks before he has to notify the appropriate golfing authorities of his decision. he go or will he stay? Will the nursery be pink or blue?

Montgomerie should go for it. He is the best golfer in Europe, the most consistent. He has a good chance of winning the order of merit for a remarkable fifth time when it is decided in Spain next week. He has demonstrated again and again that he can do the necessary in Europe with his eyes half-closed or when he is absolutely whacked, as he said he is at present after playing for nine successive

He has played at Cranssur-Sierre, in Switzerland, the highest course in Europe, and at Nord Eichenreid, in Munich, surely the flattest. This year alone he has played on some of the best courses on the Continent, among them those at Loch Lomond, Wentworth, Druid's Glen and the K Club. He has experienced the clammy heat of Scotland in June. the biting cold of The Oxfordshire in May, the autumnal Motzen, colours at Germany, in October.

Montgomerie should know Beethoven's 9th, the European anthem, as well as anyone. It could have been an Ode to Jov for him as he has travelled around nine countries in Europe this year, not to mention competing in Australia and Dubai in January and February. He is truly a citizen of the European Union.

After 72 rounds and 4,996 strokes, Montgomerie is the small matter of 168 under par. His rounds have averaged 69.39. With many players a pattern of scoring emerges: they start well and finish

poorly. Montgomerie usually starts well and finishes brilliantly. His average for the decisive final rounds is an astonishing 68.16. Some of his final-round scores are startling: a 62 in Ireland, a 63 at the Forest of Arden, a 65 at Slaley Hall. Montgomerie's best golf is getting better.

This is why it is time for him to take on a new challenge of playing virtually full-time in the US. He knows he can do very well over there. He is long and straight; remembers the nickname given to Ronnie Shade, his countryman. The amateur was known as RDBM - right down the bloody middle - because he always was. Likewise

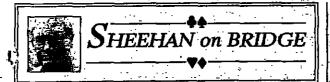
He has won more than half a million dollars from just eight events in the United States already this year. He is an accumulated 17 under par after 32 rounds. He has not missed a cut in the US this year and his scoring average is 70.82. He is a good chipper, a very good putter. Orlando. Florida, where he has looked at houses, would be a good hase. It has good schools and good practice facilities.

Montgomerie knows the conundrums. Nick Faldo went to the United States to pep up his career and failed to do so. Jesper Parnevik's career has improved beyond measure since he began competing there. Ernie Els and Frank Nobilo suggest that he remain on his home continent, Brad Faxon said he would do very well in the US.

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To stay in Europe would be the easy decision. It is time for him to stretch himself farther if he is to win his first major championship. He is 34 and needs to be pushed more. He needs to play where more of the better players are playing.

While his children are young enough to be transplanted and his own competitive juices are strong enough to attempt to compete with the generation of young men who are in their mid-twenties. Montgomerie must go. Europe has become too cosy for him. There is only one real choice: Go west young man.



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Love all

This is another hand from the 1997 Cavendish pairs.

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West opened Three Hearts and after two passes, Kerri Sanborn (South) bid Three No-Trumps. She is one of the best women players in the United States, and will be a member of the US team in the next Venice Cup (the women's world championship).

After winning the first heart in hand she led a low diamond. West took the ten of diamonds and probably would have done best to continue hearts, threatening to establish the suit. But that was not obvious - West switched to a spade to the ten and ace, and Kerri ducked a second diamond. West exited with a axond spade, and Kerri blocked this to East, who got out with a club. Kerri played low on this, which was her fourth duck of the hand.

But she had finally got the timing correct; West won the en of clubs, and got off play with a heart. Kerri won it in dummy, played a diamond to her jack, cashed the last diamond, and finally took the third round of hearts, squeezing East in the black suits, for the contract.

☐ The national mixed teams championship for the Hubert Phillips Bowl was won at the weekend by the Middle-sex/London team of Jeremy and Heather Dhondy, David Parry and Richard Fleet. They beat the Yorks/Notts squad of Sarah Teshome, Richard Winter, Willie Crook, Giles Foster, Sandra Penfold and Tony McNiff by 4,300 aggregate

Heats of The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge will be held on board the Oriana in November while the Andrew Robson Bridge Club in Fulham, London, is hosting two per month until January. For entry details telephone OISI-942 9506.

☐ The Times Book of Bridge 1 compendium of some of Robert Sheehan's daily columns, is now available in all good bookshops or direct from the publisher, B. T. Bassford, on 01376 321276, price £6.99 (plus El postage and packing).

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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a. Associated with the tropics b. A desert wind

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Tceland championship

Head for head, Iceland is the strongest chess-playing nation in the world. It has been 25 years since the celebrated world championship match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky was held in Reykjavik. Since then there has been an explosion of lcelandic grandmasters. This year the Iceland champion-ship was won by Johann Hjartarson, the experienced grandmaster and former world championship candi-date. Leading scores in the championship were as follows: Hjartarson 92/11, Stefansson 9. Thorhallsson and

Passive play

Kasparov often terrifies his human opponents by the sheer force of his personality. In this game from Tilburg, the Dutch grandmaster Van Wely adopts a supine opening, fails to develop his pieces and is quickly exposed to a violent central attack. In the endgame, in spite of a material imbalance, Kasparov's farflung passed pawns give him

White: Loek van Wely Black: Garry Kasparov **English Opening**

Tilburg, September 1997

Nxb3 Kd1 Bf3

Diagram of final position

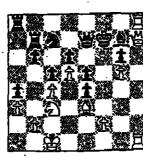
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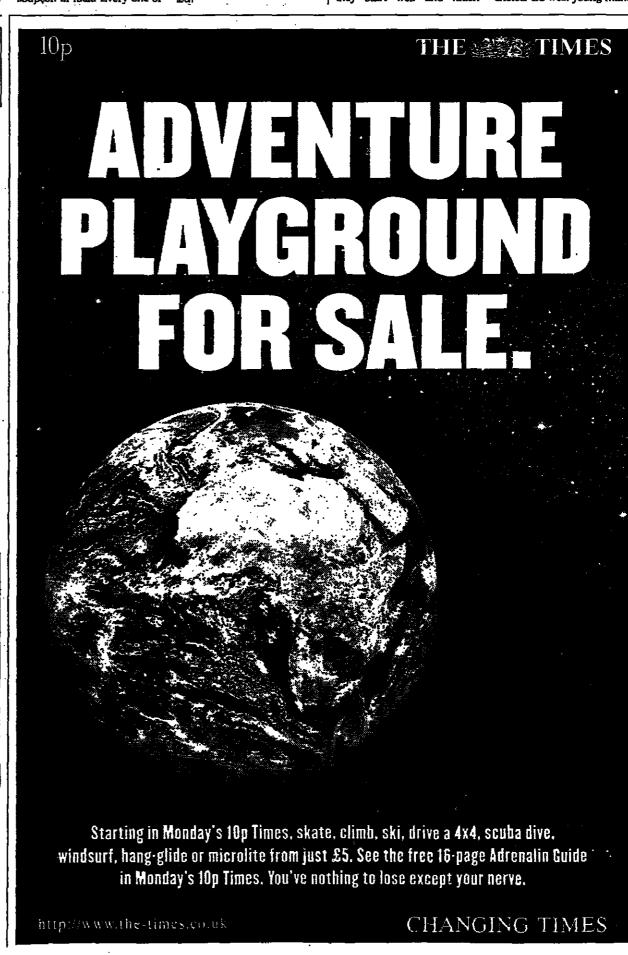
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White to play. This position is from the game Ivanov -Hagesaether, Trondheim

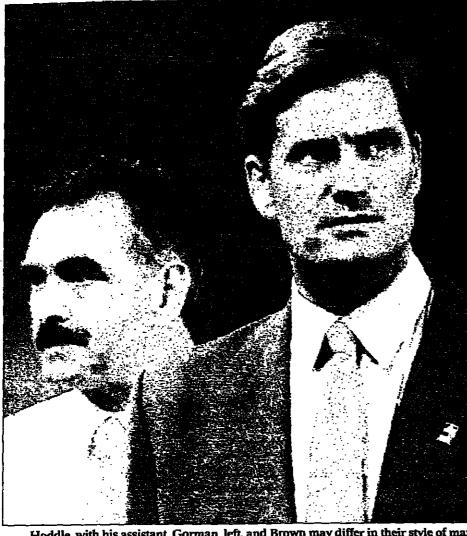
White has powered his way into the black position via the h-file and now won quickly. What did he play?

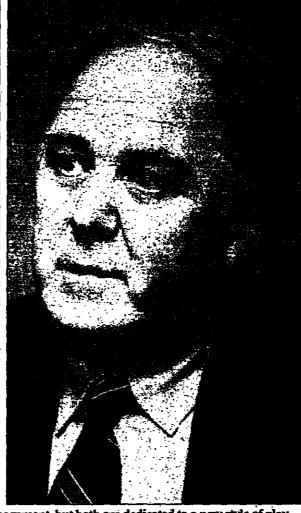
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Hoddle and Brown prove virtue of continental drift





Hoddle, with his assistant. Gorman, left, and Brown may differ in their style of management, but both are dedicated to a new style of play

Two of kind reshape home front

hisper this quietly where the auld enemies are about: England and Scotland have become two of a kind. They qualified for the World Cup finals in largely the same way with an approach that was thought foreign to their nature, the emphasis on keeping their shape, squeezing the play, denying opponents the ball and the chance to hurt them.

Those in charge of this metamorphosis. Glenn Hoddle and Craig Brown. have adopted similar methods of studied calm, such as the 3-5-2 formation, and are determined to do away with the headless-chicken image of British football.

Scotland's achievement in qualifying for this World Cup as they did for Euro % is arguably the greater. Brown has a smaller pool of talent and a greater challenge in satisfying the Scottish demand for high-speed drama. There is a frenzy in

Scottish football. They run and run when sometimes it would be better to slow down, to think about where they run and why." Johan Cruyff said in 1974. "The English run too much and think too little," Cesar Menotti, the architect of Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, observed.

Two of a kind. However, the restraints are on now, the two nations are bound for France and, while Hoddle was overseeing the most sober of homecomings from Rome early on Sunday morning, Brown was heading for Lyons to make arrangements for hotels and training facilities. The two share a thoroughness, you Rob Hughes reflects on the shared ideals that have brought England and Scotland to a common goal

manager.

has the skill to use the ball, and the

intelligence, and he will want to do it."

Better still, show him by example. So Ardiles persuaded Hoddle, back from

injury and from continental football in

Monaco, to operate in a sweeper mould. Both Hoddle and Gorman

would later take their turn as Swindon

Scotland's manager and director of

what this aggressive wee guy would

achieve. Scotland, no longer with the

exotic talents of a Denis Law or a Jim

Baxter, had to become parsimonious.

Brown built on defence, on caution. A

genial man, though he likes to say he

once was a firebrand, he nevertheless

has welded steel into a Scotland team

that in 24 competitive matches under

him has had 18 clean sheets, and just

the three defeats ... the one which

rankles being at the hands of England

Little did the majority of Scots realise

Meanwhile, north of

the border, Craig Brown,

never an artiste in the

manner of Hoddle - "I

wasn't a gifted player,

but I was an aggressive

wee guy" - was anony-

mously working his pas-

sage. He had been a

primary school teacher,

a lecturer, a manager of

coaching, Andy Roxburgh.

see. They look not only at the ability of men, but the character, the willingness to blend, the intelligence to listen, the adaptability to what was thought a continental preserve beyond the patience of British players. Neither will crow, neither responds to his finest hour in charge of his nation's dreams, with anything approaching bombast. Hoddle, though, maintains a detach-

ment reminiscent of Sir Alf Ramsey. It would be wrong to describe it as coldness, for as he stood

'Hoddle's

pride in the

performance

was evident'

watchfully apart at Luton airport, there were several times when players or contemporaries approached, and the closeness, the pride in sharing one of England's finer performances, was evident.

"A most inconsistent player." Sir Alf, himself, once said of Hoddle. "He isn't one you would want

So much has been written about England's night in Rome. Comparatively little has been noted about the genesis of this switch from up-and-atem English naivety. I suggest that it started inauspiciously on the training ground of Swindon Town. There, a decade ago. Osvaldo Ardiles, like Hoddle and Gorman and Clemence, a former Tottenham Hotspur man, reshaped the style of Swindon. He was prevented, at the time, from taking the full England FA coaching badge. deemed too foreign for that.

in Euro 96. Unsurprisingly his response to England also qualifying was to relish the possibility of vengeance. Yet Ardiles made the passing game simple. "You tell a player he can play, and he will," Ardiles said. "Tell him he

A curious change, then. Hoddle so expressive on the field, is determined and closed as a coach; Brown, so harsh as a player intent on stopping others, is relaxed in management. But behind their public images, they share a stubbornness in choosing the men for the positions they want, and a harshness bordering on brutality in decision-Hoddle has reshaped England to his

design. Brown, not always a forgiving character, refused a second chance to Richard Gough, dropped Paul McStay and David Robertson without compunction,

and did not fret in leav-'Brown ing out the talented but Duncan relishes errant Ferguson. Tactically, too, he the chance could close the face of a football match, blot out of revenge'

the other team, the way Hoddle did in Rome. lowly Clyde. And he served seven Brown's most recent tactical denial was years, from 1986-93, as deputy to to put Paul Lambert on to Andy Herzog, the Austria playmaker, and to achieve a 2-0 victory at Celtic Park that became crucial to their qualification.

Comparisons probably end with the liberties players dare take with Brown that they never would with Hoddle. It was well after 3am on Sunday when Brown's home phone rang. He let the answer machine record the message from Stuart McCall. "I will phone him back when I judge he is in the middle of sleeping it off," commented the Scottish manager wryly. One doubts whether even Paul Gascoigne would telephone the Hoddle abode and get away with it. that would be another programme. In this one Boy George agrees to share his day with Vanessa Feltz. She calls on him early, has a tour of his absurdly large mansion and helps him to push a trolley round Safeway. At the checkout Fefix is surprised that he carries money. I'm a queen, not the Ouem," is the snappy retort. At least Boy-George makes no bones about his sexuality, though he does wish people would not keep mistaking him for Julian Clary. Next week Feltz shadows Edwina

TELEVISION CHOICE

The Booker Prize Live

Vanessa's Day With . Channel 5, 8.00pm

Channel 4, 9.00pm Literary awards have their cynics but if it does nothing else, the Booker Prize gives serious fiction far more publicity in a few weeks than it gets during the rest of the year put together. In this it is greatly assisted by live television coverage of the announcement of the winner, a programme which has become the reading person's beauty contest.

Melvyn Bragg and Muriel Gray are at Guildhall,
in London to chew over this year's shortlist with

A. S. Byatt, a previous winner, and Will Self, before it is whittled down to one. Although in itself only a modest £20,000, the prize usually does wonders for sales. The authors in contention are Jim Crace, Mick Jackson, Bernard MacLaverty. Tim Parks, Arundhati Roy and Madelaine St John.

Currie on the day she announces the break-up of

Boy George, once an outrageous pop star but now approaching respectable middle age, reveals that Esther Rantzen is one of his neighbours. Not only that, but she is always having parties and he is never invited. Perhaps she should tell us why, but

The Great Storm: A 999 Special BBC1, 9.30pm (not Scotland: Wales, 10.00;

It began with Michael Fish's notorious denial ("don't worry, there's no hurricane on the way"), and ended with 19 dead and millions of pounds of damage over a large part of southern England. That dreadful night in October 1987, when the winds were the strongest recorded for 300 years, is evoked in reconstructions and first-hand accounts.



Bride-to-be Grace Kelly and her Prince (ITV

Fortunately all these episodes ended more or less happily, though it was touch and go at the time. The most frightening tale comes from Jersey, where Pauline Michel was lifted off her feet, blown out of a first-floor window and dropped 15 feet onto a concrete yard. Julie Pell went through a more protracted nightmare. Her car journey to hospital to give birth was interrupted by fallen trees and she had to walk the two miles back home while ye doctor struggled to get to her.

Network First: The Grimaldi Dynasty ITV, 10.40pm

She was the fairytale princess who did not live happily ever after. Her marriage ran into trouble, she was hounded by photographers and she died prematurely in a car crash. We are talking, of course, about Princess Grace of Monaco, star of a two-part documentary from the team that produced The Gettys. The project was almost in the can before the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, though the parallels will do its viewing figures no harm. But the differences are just as striking. According to the film. Prince Raimier was so desperate for a wife that he went all the way to the United States to find one. Top of his shortlist, however, was not Grace Kelly but Marilyn Monroe. For her part, Kelly had been keeping the gossip writers busy by having affairs (allegedly) with most of her leading men. Marriage to Rainier was a bit of a stunner all round. Peter Wayman,

This series, about people who make a sharp directional change in their lives, will tonight give farmers and other rural professionals a certain

farmers and other rural professionals a certain amount of merriment. The programme features Christina and Sebastian, who set about buying a farm after a life lived in ciries. The programme is in the form of an audio diary and so the angst (and the joy) comes through the ether with the minimum amount of editing and other refinement, thus making it all the more convincing. A poultry breeder I know is ford of amouncing that "if

breeder i know is fond of announcing that "i you've got livestock you've got deadstock", a truism

Christina wrestles with torught even if she can find the right farm, who will kill the ducks? Clearly no any longer, Mr Tesco. Peter Barway

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CLASSIC FM

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Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 News Europe Today

Pause for Thought 8.20 Megamix 9.00 No

RADIO CHOICE

Taking the Plunge Radio 4, 8.30pm

Storm of the Century Radio 2, 9.30pm

In case the above title provokes a sense of déjà vu. Lshould point out at once that tonight's Storm of the Century on Radio 2 has nothing to do with last Thursday's After the Storm on Radio 4. Well all right both are about the so-called Great Storm of 1987, both contain the famous words of forecaster Michael Fish, who assured us that nothing spectacular was going to happen, and both contain the reminiscences of ordinary people who were caught in the storm. So either current affairs needs better co-ordination at the BBC (subject of a recent internal Great Storm) or networks are entitled to keep their individuality by being allowed to tacklethe same subjects. I take the latter view but the point is certainly moot.

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9,00 Simon Mayo 12.00 White, Includes 12.30pm Newbest 2.00 Mark Radicities
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 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update 8.40 John Peel. Includes a live session by Helen Love 10.30 Mary Arme Hobbs 1.00mm
 Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00mm Alex Lester 7.30 Serah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Richard Sitgoe's Classical Gas 8.00 Wayne Marshalfs Organ Spectacular 9.00 Meles and Laught Groucho Macx 9.30 Storm of the Century, See Choice 10.30 Filchard Allrison 12.05cm Steve Madden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes
Taverner (Dum Transisset Sabbatum); Schumann
(Piano Concesto in A minor); Beethoven (Overture:
The Creatures of Prometheus); Strauss (Hymne an
die Liebe); Sousa (Liberty Bell); Mozert (HornConcerto in E flat)

9.00 Momiling Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in G); Beethoven
(Quintet in E flat for Piano and Wind); Iretand (A
Downland Suite)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Includes Bizet (Habanera)

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Carment, Canteloube (Songs of the Auvergne);

Bach (Cantata No 51); Smetana (String Quartet
No 1 in E minor, From My Life); Liszt (Introduction
and Polonaise from Bellini's I Puritari);

Szymanowski (Violin Concerto No 1); Tatlanel
(Feritasia on Francolsa de Rimini); Langiord

(Carmen Fantasy)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Gillaka
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. A concert given last year at St George's in Bristol. Anya Alexeev, piano. Attrib Haydn (Piano Sonata in G); Bayel (Menuet sur le nom d'Heydn); Schubert

(Piano Soniata in C minor) (r)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Includes Bartok (Suite: The Miraculous Mandarin), under Mariss Jansons; Tchalikovsky (Molin Concerto in D); Berlioz (Symphonia Fantastique), under David Atherion, with Raphael Oten Molin.

Oleg, violin

4.00 Voices Donizatti Songs. The final selection of songs performed by the tenor Dennis O'Neil,

accompanied by Ingrid Surgenor, piano, Includes il Sospiro, La Ninna Nanna; Le Crepuscule, La lantonanza; Meine Liebe; La Sultana; il Pescator 4.45 Music Mechine Verity Sharp looks at Dvorák's Cello Concerto

5.00 in Tune. Sean Rafferty talks to members of the

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7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham. Endetlion Quertet. Beethoven (String Quertet in B Yat). Tippett (Shing Quertet Ne. 2) 8.20 My Dear Kamila. John Tyrrell describes the relationship between Janacek and Kamila. Stosslova, with readings from letters and diaries 8.40 Concert part two. Janacek (String Quartet No. 2. Intimate Letters).

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9.30 Poesscript: Poests' Fan Madil, Kathleen Jamile writes a letter to Robert Burns about devolution and growing up in modern Scotland (2/5).

9.45 Stravinsky Plus. Stefan Asbury conducts Kurt Niklamen, violin. Stravinsky (Ode); Robert Keeley (Symphony, BBC Commission, first performance); Stravinsky (Violin Concerto).

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles talks to the leading historian Richard Evers. Pus news from the premiere of Paul McCartney's symphonic poem, Standing Stone, performed by the London.

Symphony Orchestre, under Lawrence Foster.

11.30 Composers of the Weels: Durlay, Blachols and Their Contemporaries ().

12.30am Jazz Notes. The trumpeter Buddy Childers talks to Steve Voce.

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.00 News Briefing
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Today 6.45 flost from Women Gardeners. An
entitology of green-lingered women compiled by
Debotah Ketlaway. Read by Jene Lapotsire and
Alice Arnold (2/5) 8.38 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Ed Shourton. 0171-580 4444
10.00 (FM) News; Magic Mountains. Dr Charlie
Clarke's account of an expedition to Thet (3/3)
10.00 (LW) Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray talks to the actress
Juliet Stephenson and the director Katle Mitchell
11.30 All in the Mitrel. Professor Anthony Clarts looks at
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the use of psychological therapies in the treatment of schizophrenia

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Ricioch

12.25pm Booked. The return of the panel game that rewrites just about everything, With Dillie Keane, Roger McGough, Rory Motion and Mark Thomas. Chaired by lan McMalan 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company. John Weish talks to Anchew Motion about his new biography of Keats, and Rick Geloski talks to Mertin Holland about his grandfather, Oscar Wilde (r)

2.30 Personal Records. Jerenty Nicholas visits the home of the Times columnst Libby Purves to discover the treasures hidden within her record collection (4/8)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope. Paul Vaughan reviews
Sue Townsend's latest novel Ghost Children, and a
sees a new play at the Old Vic — Snake in the
Grass, by Rory McGregor
4.45 Short Story: Blue Rebblt, by David Self. Read by

Jo Brand 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

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6.00 Str O'Clock News
8.30 Travels with My Aunt. Graham Greene's comic
tale, dramatised by Rena Basilico (3/5) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Presented by Peter Hetherington
8.00 Science Now. A look at the latest scientific
discoveries and developments with Peter Evens (r)
8.30 Taking the Plunge. See Choice (2/4)
9.00 in Touch. News, views and information for the
bind and pertially sighted
9.30 Kalleidoscope (r) 8.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Booker at Bedtime. Coverage of this year's
awards ceremony from the Guildhall and an
extract from the winning povel (7/7)
11.00 Mediumments. The week's media events (r)
11.30 (FM Only from 11.45) Foreign
Correspondence. A Selection of writers' views of
Sydney, Australia (r)
11.45 (LW) Today in Partiament
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned
World, by J.G. Ballard. Read by Nicholas Famell
(5/10) (r)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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BOWLS

Hazell falls short of Open breakthrough

By David Rhys Jones

SANDY HAZELL, 32, a secretary from Maidstone, took Mervyn King, of Norfolk, the No 3 seed, to the wire in the first round of the Bupa Care Homes Open yesterday, but failed in her attempt to become the first woman to win a match on the portable rink at the Preston Guild Hall.

sive shots normally associated with the men's game, Hazeli came close to winning the first set before King secured 7-5, with a single on the tenth end, and then seemed to be on course to level the match

Playing the more aggres-

when she took a 5-0 lead in the second set. King replied with two trebles to lead 6-5, but Hazell saved the match with a brilliant draw on the next end

and was holding a match lie

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on the sixth end when King produced a majestic trail to win 7-5. 7-6. "I found it difficult playing

against a woman, because no one wants to become the first man to lose a battle of the sexes contest at Preston." King said. "Sandy played really well and I had to dig deep to get out of trouble." Earlier, Hugh Duff, the

holder and No I seed, had to come back from early deficits in all three sets before beating the unseeded Jeremy Henry. of Ireland, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6. Richard Corsie was glad to

squeeze past Robert Marshall, the reigning Scottish champion, scoring a full house in the deciding set on his way to a 5-7, 7-0, 7-6

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WORD-WATCHING.

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VUELTA (b) The triumphal circuit of the ring awarded to the success metador. The Spanish word means, literally, a turn, a round. This is another sort of beauty, and the matador has his full award, of two

(c) A mirage. The Arabic word is sarab. F. D. Hemans, 1835: "Sums of blasting light perchance illume! The glistening Serab which illudes his cyc."

SUKEY (c) A tea-kettle. Diminutive of Susan and Susanna. Iemale names. From the nursery rhyme Polly, put the kettle on: "Sukey, take it off again, We'll all have tea." "Our sukey is an old copper one, and sings sometimes in splendid imitation of an old orchestra tuning up."

TROPICANA (a) Things associated with or characteristic of tropical regions; objects from the tropics. Cod Latin derivations from the tropics. That slice of the mind which is pure tropicana — a minure of Kipling and Maugham."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE ! Qxg7+! Kxg7 2 Rlh7 checkmate

Prince among men? Dog among scripts

ailed to win the lottery again on Saturday? Never mind, here's another here's another chance to try your luck - this time with the BBC's National Sitcom Lottery. To win a commission for your very own television sitcom, simply read the following, randomly chosen script extracts, then decide which of them (if any) was considered funny enough (and fresh enough that viewers would not mistake them for lines from an old Basil Brush script) to earn a place in BBCl's prime-time Monday

sitcom, Prince Among Men?

• Joke Number ! — First Man: ! saw the game where he got sent off for biting someone. Second Man: That wasn't Craig's fault! He was provoked! The other player deliberately put his ear in Craig's Joke Number 2 — First Man:

Now, when I was a lad, my father took his belt off to me every day. He thrashed me within an inch of

my life. Second Man: And it's not which (if any) of these jumped through all the critical hoops to done you any harm, eh Vince? First Man: Oh yes it did! I spent most of my childhood in hospital.

● Joke Number 3(a) — Man: Ive got to do this thing for the News of the World. It's a celebrity survey, "Me And My Pet". They want to know what I had as a kid. Wife: Well, what did you have? Man: Well, I had worms and our Brian had nits.

● Joke Number 3(b) - Man: The thing is, I never really had a pet when I was a kid. The nearest I got was a tin of sardines."

• Joke Number 4 — Man

(referring to his mother): Send her some flowers as well. First Woman: What sort of flowers shall I send? Man: I don't really care. Second Woman: I've always liked love-in-a-mist. Man: That's as maybe. Bev, but we're talking about flowers here!"

Time's up! Pencils down, everyone. Now, did you guess correctly make it to the final script?

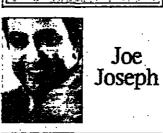
if you thought they all made the grade, then you should either exploit your lucky streak by backing an outsider at Haydock; or else you should capitalise on your canny ear for TV comedy by taking a job in a TV sitcom department.

Then this series began, a month ago, it had the feel of a mildly amusing onejoke sketch about a vain, Scouse superstar footballer turned wheeler-dealer, not in the same league as, say, Larry Sanders or Frasier, but no worse than such home-grown competition Bloomin' Marvellous and Chalk.

And with Chris "Brittas" Barrie in the role of Gary Prince, there was just a chance that the joke could have legs. But it has turned out to have fewer legs than a cobra. though it probably takes the

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brazenness of a cobra for Barrie and the rest of the off-the-peg cast (dim. northern receptionist Sonia; prim. snobbish secretary Beverley; fortyish former-public shoolboy Mark, who still calls his friends things like Wuffy. Shagger, etc. and ... oh, you know) to face a studio audience each week armed

only with this script. Barrie works hard (his tireless eyebrows deserve a special Bafta award all of their own), but you being struck with meningitis when never quite believe that he was 18 months old. Nick Goes never quite believe that he was once a football giant, the way that you do believe that Harold Steptoe spent all day trawling for rag and bone. This is one of those sitcoms where people don't address each other but speak their lines at the room. They can do this because the script is a series of music-hall-era gags that can mostly be mouthed by any member of the cast. The Princes, for instance, imply that they have been married for many years, yet Gary and his wife Liesl

Gary if he takes sugar in his tea. Still, it's amazing just how normal a life you can lead with a disability. Nick Stephens really would be laughing if the only disability he had to worry about was a dodgy Prince Among Men script. Nick's disability is paralysis from the neck down, the result of

seem not to know even basic facts

about each other. You wouldn't be

surprised to hear Liesl asking

To New College was the latest in BBC2's Picture This showcase for new film-makers and followed Stephens through his first term as a law student at Oxford.

In Marion Milne's sympathetic but not sentimental film. Stephens tells us: "I just hope that people don't notice my wheelchair. Just my brilliant character ... My life is no better or worse than other people's. Just because I can't move doesn't mean I can't excel in other areas."This is a bullish 18-year-old who makes the most of what he has got. He has certainly got a thick skin. Maybe it's to make the most of that that he has set his heart on becoming a barrister.

ater on BBC2, Face To Face With Sir Denis Forman ⊿showed us another man one of the inspiring giants of British broadcasting and the man who brought us Jewel In The Crown - who has achieved remarkable things in the face of a disability that would crush many others. I am referring not to the leg lost in the Second World War but to his eerie resemblance to Hughie Greene. I kept expecting his responses to Jeremy Isaacs's questions to end with "and I mean that

most sincerely".

Forman — who looks 20 years younger than the 80 that he is - is the sort of man you don't find much in television nowadays (his old boss at Granada, Sidney Bernstein, was another). Though generally passionate, chatty, enthusiastic and gregarious, Forman confides that there is some small part of him that he just cannot talk about, even to his wife or closest friends: "It's the general feeling, somebody lurking there, and I don't quite know who he is." Read my lips. Denis - it's Hughie!

6.00am Business Breakfast (17801) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82672443) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (T)

9.30 Style Challenge (2542787) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (2650284) 9.55 Namey (1) (2000), 10.35 Change That (8289424)

11.00 News (T) and weather (7661820) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7601646) 11.35 Room for Improvement (r) (3619917) 12.00 News (T) and weather (8051269)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (7724646) 12.35 Going for a Song (5406207) 1.00 News (T) and weather (22646) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73548795)

1.40 The Weather Show (44484838) 1.45 Neighbours (i) (71264207) 2.10 Quincy (r) (8286153) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1438530)

3.25 The Really Useful Show (4895646) 3.30 Playdays (r) (8900733) 3.50 Arthur (8911849) 4.15 Fudge (1) (6142424) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (r) (T) (8712998) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2086337) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (9485462)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (905375) 6.00 News (T) weather (153)

6.30 Regional News (T) (733) 7.00 Holiday Memories Jack Charlton returns to Amsterdam; Jenny Agutter recalls holidays in Cyprus; Fred and Kath Burgess recall their 1981 holiday in Barbados. Last in series (1) (9424)

7.30 EastEnders A difficult decision faces the

8.00 Mysteries with Carol Vorderman How two brothers found superhuman strength to rescue a man from a blazing truck, and the search and rescue operation to locate an aircraft claimed to have gone down in the Peak District (1) (8172)

8.30 A Question of Sport with guests Irlah swimmer Michelle De Bruin, footbeller Gary McAllister, rugby star Martin Offish and products Deep Hearling ID 77207 FUSSIN HEBODEY (I) (/20/) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) and regional

news and weather (6559) 9.30 The Great Storm: A 999 Special Michael Buerk marks the tenth anniversary of the worst storm to hit Britain for 300 years (870375) WALES: 9.30 Tales From the Health Service Special (191539) 10.50 Provos: The IRA and Sinn Fein (1410240) 11.55 FAW Invitation Cup (615240) 12.30am Fil.M: Legal Eagles (119405) 2.20 Nows Provos: The IRA and Sinn Fein (4/4)

The beginning of the peace process in the 1980s (T) (5219530) .

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11.25 Legal Eagles (1986) Romantic comedy
with Robert Redford, Debra Winger and
Daryt Hannah. An assistant district
attorney gets entangled in murder and
intrigue while helping a scattly lawyer to
defend an even more eccentric client.
Directed by Ivan Reitman (1) (541337) 1.15am incense for the Damned (1970)
Erotic horror with Patrick Macnee, Peter
Cushing and Patrick Mower. Directed by
Robert Hartford-Davis (2140370) 2.35 Weather (3722399)

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6.00am Arts: The Great Exhibition: an Exercise in Industry (38882) 6.30 The Thrie Estaites (90559) 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

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signing) (9581004) 7.15 Teleturbbles (r) 7.40 Smurts' Adventures (r) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) 8.30 Cake Doke (r) 8.40 Rupert the Bear 8.45 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (1)

9.10 Welsh History (3404646) 9.25 See You, See Me (7032795) 9.45 Numberlime 10.00 Telefubbles (74511) 10.30 Watch (6643085) 10.46 Science Zone (7427207) 11.05 Space Ark (7659085) 11.15 Megameths (1) (5271191) 11.35 History File (1) (3617559) 12.00 See Hear! (1) (1) (5736820) 12.15pm Children in Need (1) (4182288)

12.30 Working Lunch (80085). 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (32336288) 1.10 The Countryside Hour: The Fens and

East Anglia (7510795) 2.10 Indoor Bowls: Bupa Open Day two of the first-round at the Guild Hall in Preston

5.00 The Frash Prince of Bel-Air (1) (135482) 6.25 Heartbreak High (992608)

7.10 The O Zone Eternal, Supergrass and Jimmy Ray (157004) 7.30 Private Investigations A middle-aged women who has recently discovered that she was conceived through sperm donation sets out to track down her

natural father (T) (559) 8.00 Della Smith's Winter Collection Seafood recipes (r) (1) (6714) 8.30 Looking Good Stylish home shopping;

quick-fix stimming solutions; Iman imparts beauty tips for darker skins (T) 9.00 Have | Got Old News for You Last in series (r) (T) (7801)

9.30 Holding On Shaun's life has fallen apart and he wanders the streets aimlessly and THEO is forced to realise how different \$16 and Lloyd are (1) (83240)

10.30 Newsnight (1) (243627) 11.15 Seinfeld (T) (363085)



Garry Shandling stars (11.40pm)

11.40 The Larry Sanders Show Larry's formerwife turns up out of the blue, just as he's about to embark on a date with a supermodel (Tatjana Patriz). Acclaimed cornedy, starting Garry Shandling, Megan Gallagher and Jeffrey Tambor (1) 11.55 Weather (600284)

12.00 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (69028) 12.30em Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adie (5437486) 12.35 Energy at the Crossroads (3519860) 1.00 Changing Climate? (1) (10825) 1.30 Energy from Waste (59202) 2.00 Signed Landmarks - Portrait of Britain (98793) 4.00 Birth of a Language (63825) 5.00 Business and Training (28450)

6.00am GMTV (4902646) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (3746511) 9.55 Regional News (1589086) 10.00 The Time, the Place (78337) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77528153) 12.20cm Regional News (8040153)

12.30 News (T) and weather (5492004) 12.55 Shortland Street (5477795) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (76837882) 1.50 Remote Cortrol Cooking (71330240) 2.20 Variessa(74453714) 2.50 The Natural Health Show. Digestive disorders, alternative heart treatments (9220462)

3.20 News (T) (4881443) 3.25 Regional News (1) (4880714) 3.30 The Riddlers (8904375) 3.40 Wizadora (9497646) 3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (9486530) 4.00 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (r) (T) (8389795) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (6151172) 4.40 Sunny's Ears (T) (9943284)

5.10 WALES: Don't Try This at Home Kids 5.10 Relative Knowledge (3876375) 5.40 News (T) and weather (148153) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (139288) 6.25 Regional Weather (478714)

6.30 Regional News (801) 7.00 Emmerdale Chris has a deal for Kelly to repay the stolen money (T) (7820) 7.30 WALES: Grass Roots (135) 7.30 Take 3 (135)

8.00 The BIII Page and Stamp try to solve the

mystery of the missing dog whose owner is nowhere to be found (T) (3240) 8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's Being of Sound Mind The comic has to find a wife within seven days if he is to Inherit the family fortune (1) (2375)



9.00 Soldier. Soldier: Under Fire A racing event provides the perfect backdrop for a terrorist attack on the Commanding Officer, With Rebecca Wood (T) (8801)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (58998) 10.30 Regional News and weather (627795) Network First: The Grimaidi Dynasty -- Life with Grace (1/2) A profile of Princess Grace of Monaco (T) (718356)

11.10 WALES: Alice: Writer's Quarter (677820) 11.40 Charlie Grace (677820)

12.40em Planet Mirth (1836405) 1.10 Late and Loud (3213347) 2.05 The Chart Show (6043028) 2.50 Football Extra (5572912) 3.45 World of Salling (7601283) 4,10 Jones and Jury (93540757) 4.35 The Time, The Place (56109115) 5.00 Helrloom (28496) 5.30 News (57283)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (5477795) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3876375) 6.25-7.00 Central News (273085)

7.30-8,00 Heart of the Country (135) 11.40 Central Sports Special (126356) 12.45em Collins and Maconie's Movie Club

1.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patro (2228080) 1.40 War of the Worlds (62:4221) 2.30 The Paul Ross Show (1872196) 3.50 Central Jobfinder '97 (9604050) 5.20 Asian Eye (7080370)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 (Burningtons (8040153)

12.55 Home and Away (3947153) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (46533608) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3876375) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (85530) 7.30-8.00 Compliments to the Chef (135) 11.40 Highlander (677820)

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As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3876375) 6.00 Meddian Tonight (849) 6,30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (801) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (135) 11.40 The Meridian Match (677820) 5.00am Freescreen (28496)

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12.19pm Angila Air Watch (8069288) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5477795) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3876375) 6.23 Anglia Weather (479443) 7.30-8.00 Crown and Country (135) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (843397) 11.40 Kick-Offi (677820)

SAC Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (12269) 9.00 Yegolion (666356) 11.30 Here's One i Made Earlier (3462)

12.00pm Sesame Street (48511) 12,30 Ricki Lake (75153) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (32312608) 1.15 Pinou (32333191)

1.30 Film: The Half-Way House (75716375) 3.15 Travelog Treks (5775511) 3.30 Collector's Lot (207) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (714)

4.30 Feast (998) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (2998) 5.30 Countdown (578)

6.00 Newyddion 6 (575066) 6.10 Heno (731424) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (876627)

7.25 Broder Bach (378424) 8.00 Y Clwb Rygbi (1882) 8.30 Newvddion (9707)

9.00 Equinox (6443) 10.00 Brookside (542240) 10.35 Frasier (177849) 11.05 NYPD Blue (781462) 12.00 The Booker Prize (86370) 1.00are-1.30 Black Bag (38221)

5.55 am Sesame Street (47581)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (12269) 9.00 Schools Science in Focus (T) (3741066) 9.22 Lost Animals (3546240) 9.30 Eurekal (8597085) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1) (8585240) 10.00 Fourways Farm (3382998) 10.10 TVM (T) (2367733) 10.25 How We Used to Live (T) (2346240) 10.45 Quest (T) (6633608) 11.00 First Edition IV (6235191) 11.15 Stage One (T) (63859356)

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Roast asparagus and crushed potatoes; fillets of John Dory and aubergine; chocolate pecan pie (3462)

12.00 Sesame Street (48511) 12.30pm Light Lunch (89269) 1.30 Take Care Animation (54389284)

1.35 Cry the Beloved Country (1952, b/w) A charna set in apartheid-era South Africa Starring Sidney Poitter and Canada Lee, directed by Zoltan Korda (T) (40997578) 3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (207) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (714) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8706337) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (8625066) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (578)

6.00 Moviewatch Includes interviews with George Clooney, star of *Peacemaker*, and Stephen Fry, who plays Oscar Wilde in Wilde (191) 6.30 Roseanne The family tries to ignore a saleman who drops dead in their kitchen

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) Includes headlines

and weather at 7.30 (777646) 7.50 Beyond the Booker Dame Barbara Cartland seeks the return of romance in

the novel (7) (380530) 8.00 Black Bag: The Player The story of Gram'ma Funk, a New Yorker who arrived in London in the summer, determined to

8.30 Brookside Rachel is desperate to please the ever-critical Christian Tinhead applies to join the Army (T) (9707)



Melvin Bragg hosts (9.00pm)

9.00 The Booker Prize Live Metvyn Bragg and Muriel Gray are on hand when the 29th Booker Prize is announced (T) (6443) 10.00 Vanished without a Trace (1993) Based

on the true story of a school bus driver and his 26 charges who were hijacked and imprisoned underground. With Karl Malden and Tim Ransom. Directed by Vern Gillum (T) (661530) 11.45 No Way Out (1950, b/w) A tale of racial prejudice starring Sidney Poitler as a doctor who is accused at murdering one

of his patients by his rabid racist brother, Richard Widmark. Directed by Joseph L. Manklewicz (T) (998269)

1.45em Late Night Rick! Lake (r) (T) (1150641) 2.30 A Place in the Sun (r) (6713689) 3.25 Out of Reach (r) (87425134) **3.50** Mama Lou (50311370) 4.00 Schools (T) (991973)

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6.00am 5 News Early (2810511)

7.30 Milkshake (7840608) 7.35 USA High (r) (3665630) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8221207) 8.30 WideWorld Series on the development of cities (10/12) (8220578)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (5493559) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6132882) 10.30 Period Rooms (r) (T) (8200714) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (1711117) 11.50 Double Espresso (44118530) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8291066)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (1) (6516527) 1.00 5 News Update (99084191) 1.05 Sunset (4535849)

3.30 Bye Bye Birdie (1963) starring Dick Van Dyke, Janet Leigh and Ann-Margret. A musical comedy adapted from the Broadway show about a rock 'n' roll legend who decides to say a personal goodbye to a tan before he is conscripted George Sidney directs (2821627)

5.30 Whittie Audience participation quiz (T) (8297530)

6.00 100 Per Cent Game show (8294443) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (8285795)

7.00 Exclusive: Being Gay In L.A. presented by Boy George (6042085) 7.30 Beastfy Britain The wildlife of one of the River Severn's estuanes (T) (8214207)



Vanessa meets the stars (8.00pm)

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8.00 Vanessa's Day With Vanessa Feltz spends a day with Boy George (T) (6051733) 8.30 5 News (T) (6030240) 9.00 Gridlock (1995) An action thaller about a

helicopter policeman who discovers a plan to bring New York traffic to a standstill in order to rob a bank Starring David Hasselhoff, directed by Sandor Stem (T) (69151288) 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (2066117)

11.45 Prisoner: Celi Block H (6548356) 12.35am Live and Dangerous includes, at 1.45, Major League soccer action from the USA — New England Revolution v DC

United (71948573) 3,45 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas Action from the Latin American leagues (2931370) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring

Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (T) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5441196)

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Belgium bar World Cup path

Luck of the draw smiles on Ireland

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT MAY be a shade premature to talk about the luck of the irish, but when the draw for the World Cup play-offs was made in the studios of a Swiss television station in Zurich yesterday, Ireland were paired with Belgium. Reaction from the Republic ranged from barely concealed delight to extreme caution, yet, under-

neath, the feeling was unani-mous. It was a ne they could Ireland will play the first leg at Lansdowne Road on October 29 and will travel to Brussels for the return on November 15. The four playoff winners, from among the eight group runners-up after the initial European qualifying series, will progress to the tournament finals in France

Ray Houghton, who captained Ireland for the first time in their 1-1 draw against Romania in Dublin on Saturday, captured the optimistic mood. "I can sense the anticipation already," he said. "The Irish supporters can feel something going on and you can almost feel it. too.

"It would have been nice to have had the home leg last. but you can't have everything I suppose, It's a pretty good draw for us really; it certainly could have been a lot worse."

It could, indeed. In the other play-offs. Croatia will play Ukraine and Hungary take on Yugoslavia. Italy, who were vanquished by England, have an awkward two-leg tussle with Russia, which will not have eased the nagging fears of Cesare Maldini, the Italy

"Russia, along with Croatia and Yugoslavia, was one of the three teams that I did not want," Paolo Maldini, the Italy captain and son of Cesare, said, "so I can't say the draw went well for us." Maldini Jr injured an ankle against England and may not be fit for the first leg against

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Shay Given, the Ireland and Newcastle United goalkeeper, was particularly pleased to avoid Ukraine, where Newcastle travelled to play Dynamo Kiev in a European Cup Champions' League fixture earlier this month. To be honest, it's not that nice a place," he said. "I'd much rather be going to Belgium, but we mustn't be overconfi-dent about it. We'll probably need to be a goal or two up because the second leg is bound to be difficult."

ireland last met Belgium in the qualifying stages of the 1988 European championship. Goals from Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady gave them a 2-2 draw in Brussels while the spoils in Dublin were shared 0-0. "I played in both games," Houghton said. "The Belgians were quite strong then and I'm sure they'll be much the same

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, will take advice from Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, as he plots a course towards what would be Ireland's third successive appearance in the World Cup finals. Belgium defeated a depleted Wales side 3-2 on Saturday, which gave them second place behind Holland in group

"We should be able to get a lot of homework done on them," McCarthy said. "Bobby is an old mate of mine and, with his assistance and the help of videos, we should know everything about the Belgians before we play them in the first game. They will be no soft touch and it's going to be an exciting couple of weeks for Irish football."

Not so much, perhaps, for clubs in the FA Carling Premiership. They will not be affected by the second legs as the FA Premier League, which runs the Premiership, had already designated November 15 as a spare weekend for

international matches. However, the Premiership programme for the weekend of October 25, 26 and 27 -- shortly before the first legs - will not be postponed, "All our fixtures before the play-offs will go ahead," a Premier League spokesman said yesterday. Although Aston Villa, Liverpool, Derby County, Chelsea and Newcastle could each lose several players, requests for postponements are unlikely to be met with much sympathy.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, will probably be without Steve Staunton, on duty for Ireland, and Savo Milosevic, the Yugoslavia striker, for the game against Arsenal at Highbury on October 26. There's no point in moaning about it now." Little said. "All I can do is wish the two lads all the best and hope they get through to France.

McCarthy has already made his stance clear. "We need a full five days' preparation," he said. "On this occasion, there will be players I want will all travel to



Wenger leaves plenty in reserve as Coca-Cola Cup loses its fizz

COCA-COLA may claim to be the real thing, but the football cup that the company sponsors will this week be exposed as anything but. Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, gave warning yesterday that the competition is in danger of extinction and his decision to rest at least eight first-team players tonight --following Manchester United's lead of recent seasons seems certain to hasten its

With its one significant in-centive, a Uefa Cup place for the victors, now removed. other leading FA Carling Premiership clubs are expected to show a similar lack of interest and the Football League, the competition's governing body, has so far proved powerless to halt its transformation into a testing ground for youth play-

downfall

ers and reserves. An appeal against Uefa's decision to reduce the cup's status has yet to be resolved, and could involve a long journey through European courts. The Football League is arguing that Uefa, angry at the Premiership's refusal to cut its number to 18, has discriminated against the wrong body.

Supporters, meanwhile, buoyed by England's World

Cup qualification, will flock to club grounds in ever greater numbers, only to find in several instances that they have been lured there under false pretences. Manchester United have made early exits at the hands of York City and Leicester City in the past two seasons after fielding weak-

ened teams. Neither time have they been punished and Alex Ferguson,

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the manager at Old Trafford, will stick with the same policy at Ipswich Town in the third round tonight.

Arsenal will be without nine first-team regulars when they entertain Birmingham City at Highbury. One of those is enforced by an ankle injury to Emmanuel Petit, which threatens to rule the France midfield player out of action for up to three months.

Petit was tackled heavily during an international against South Africa on Saturday and Arsenal are awaiting the results of a bone scan to show whether there is a fracture. Rested rather than in-

Bromwich Albion with their jured will be the club's Engcaptain, Paul Ince, sure to land players, David Seaman, enjoy a rest after his exertions Tony Adams and Ian Wright, Dennis Bergkamp and Marc in Rome. Dion Dublin, the Coventry Overmars, who played for Holland at the weekend, Pat-City striker, yesterday lost his rick Vieira, Nicolas Anelka appeal against his sending off

and Nigel Winterburn. Wenger, however, made no apologies for his actions and insisted that the Coca-Cola Cup must regain its Uefa Cup place or face an uncertain future. "If the competition wants to survive it has to have a European place," he said. "If you put everyone under obligation to use their best players, there must be an incentive. Otherwise you must have a competition where everyone is free to play who they want. We had 12 players away on internationals and there are so many games. You can't expect people to put full

Cup place available. "I work for Arsenal and it is my job to look after the interests of the dub. We will still play to win and I am convinced we will It is a chance for the younger players such as Matthew Upson, Stephen Hughes and Boa Morte to prove themselves."

sides out if there is no Uefa

Cheisea, who entertain Blackburn Rovers tomorrow, are expected to rest their internationals, as are Liver-

Rusedski retains Hanover course By JULIAN MUSCAT

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREG RUSEDSKI'S winning sequence may be over, but the momentum is still with but the momentum is sun with him. Confirmation duly arrived yesterday that the Great Britain. No I has reached fourth spot in the race to qualify for the eight-man ATP. Tour world championship next month. Pete Sampres. Michael Chang and Patrick Rafter, the three players ranked above Rusedski, are mathematically assured of contesting the tournament formerly known as The Masters.

Rusedski, who succumbed to Goran Ivanisevic over five sets in Vienna on Sunday, is so well placed in the charge towards Hanover that he can afford to put his feet up this week. The ranking points available in Ostrava have been deemed less important than a short break from his

punishing playing schedule. However, the pace picks up again next week, when Rusedski and Tim Henman, the Britain No 2, are among a strong entry for back-to-back indoor tournaments in Stuttgart and Paris. No British player has previously qualified for the round-robin event.

In condemning Rusedski to his fourth defeat from six finals this year, Ivanisevic leapfrogged Rusedski in the world rankings. The Croatian, now ensconced at No 4, holds a tenuous 17-point advantage over Rusedski — but only after ATP officials yesterday deducted 18 points from the London-based player, who was given too many bonus points for winning in Basle earlier this mouth.

Henman, meanwhile, has peen seeded No 8 for the Grand Prix de Tennis de Lyons, which opened in France yesterday. His semi-final defeat by Rusedski in Vienna advanced him to No 19 in the world, a gain of two places. Henman, who has won one tournament and reached two semi-finals in the past four weeks and who plays Guillaume Raoux, of France, in Lyons today, retains outside prospects of making the cut for Hanover.

The recent exploits of Rusedski and Henman have paved the way for an ATP Tour event to be staged in Battersea Park early next year. The tournament, to be played under a giant marquee, replaces the one originally scheduled for Milan on February 23.

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Villeneuve feels the heat of battle

acques Villeneuve had a hunted, haunted, look when he left the sanctuary of the hut that passed as a dressing-room at Suzuka. Once he had fought through the lynch mob of television crews that barred his progress, he was confronted by a wall of fans, who pawed at him with incoherent glee.

He was wide-eyed, unnerved, but the demented loyalty of Japanese Formula One followers is the least of his wortles. His principal problem is convincing sobersuited administrators of his penitence, when he is summoned to Paris on October 21 to explain his penchant for

ignoring warning flags. It is theoretically possible. but highly unlikely, that the disciplinary committee of the FIA, motor sport's governing body, will ban Villeneuve from the final race, at Jerez in 12 days' time. The charade of racing under appeal in Japan

Schumacher's hands, Michael Calvin says has not endeared him to those brought up to believe that a

driver must know his place. "He'd better smarten up when he comes to see us," one prominent FIA steward said. The momentum of the race



for the world championship has shifted significantly. Michael Schumacher is almost certain to be one point ahead going into the last grand prix of the season, and Villeneuve is acutely aware

Distractions from motor racing play into

native agenda. Williams, who won their minth constructors' championship in Suzuka, provoke envy. Their dominance is resented by the poseurs in the paddock. and acts as a powerful reference point for Ferrari, whose attempt to instal Schumacher as their first world champion for 18 years has taken on aspects of a crusade.

that failure to win the title will

suit those pursuing an alter-

Schumacher is dismissive of suggestions, made most prominently by Patrick Head, the technical director of the

Williams team, that he will stop at nothing to fulfil his ambitions. Tellingly, he spoke with a rare confidence before he returned to Europe. "It will be a straightforward fight," he said. looking forward to Jerez. "Whoever wins will be champion, so both of us will be on the attack. I like it this way."

The mood in the Williams camp was low-key. Villeneuve lent credence to whispers that he is unhappy with the support offered by his team-mate. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, by making a point of praising Eddie Irvine's loyalty to his team leader.

Rumours that Villeneuve had to be talked into racing in Japan are unsubstantiated but he is a distracted, almost diffident figure. He has always insisted he would walk away from Formula One if he lost a sense of enjoyment, and, as he remarked before leaving Suzuka: "Let's say I haven't enjoyed this weekend."

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